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Quake forces 15,000 into 'tent cities'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN LOS ANGELES AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ More aftershocks have struck Los Angeles, where 15,000 people are homeless. The governor needs $100 million in federal aid for the disaster-stricken city

AT LEAST 15,000 Los Angeles residents were left huddled in tent cities yesterday, terrified of returning to the homes they left in Monday's earthquake which has so far killed 34 people.

Police enforced a dusk-to-dawn curfew and arrested 73 people for "quake-related incidents," including curfew breaking and looting. Some 1,500 members of the National Guard were moved in to help keep the peace.

Hospital authorities said 1,870 people had been injured in the disaster. Of those, about 1,600 were treated and discharged but more than 200 remained in hospital.

Residents of Los Angeles, America's second largest city, were again jolted by violent aftershocks as they struggled to move on shattered motorways and search through collapsed buildings for more victims. A major aftershock measuring 4.7 on the Richter scale rattled the area at 7.23 am (1523 GMT) yesterday.

Schools and many businesses remained closed but many Los Angeles residents pressed forward in their cars as dawn broke, causing traffic gridlock around the sprawling city.

The California Highway Patrol said a normal 90-minute journey from the Antelope Valley to the centre of Los Angeles was taking six hours. The Antelope Valley Freeway collapsed in one section on Monday, killing a motorcycle police officer.

The death toll rose yesterday when rescue workers found the body of another victim in an apartment building in suburban Northridge — the sixteenth to be found there — the epicentre of the 6.6 tremor, the strongest earthquake to hit Los Angeles since February 9, 1971, when 62 people were killed in a 6.5 earthquake. A quake measuring 7.1 struck San Francisco in 1989, also killing 62.

More than a hundred fires broke out after the tremor and many businesses had been destroyed as Henry Cisneros, the Housing Secretary, and Federico Pena, Transportation Secretary, arrived in Los Angeles offering much-needed federal financial aid. President Clinton had already declared southern California a disaster area on Monday, paving the way for help possibly in excess of $100 million (£67 million).

Many residents were too frightened to return home yesterday and flocked to the tent cities in fields and parks. They trudged through the devastation like refugees, wrapped in blankets, towels and makeshift clothing, each fearing that another tremor might take their lives. They huddled in chilly temperatures in sleeping bags and tried to stay calm by playing cards, listening to music and even barbecuing evening meals. Some took refuge in cars. Authorities set up dozens of shelters for people left homeless, while the Red Cross appealed for donations.

In the suburb of Van Nuys, near one of the collapsed motorways, families cut their way through a school's wire gate and pitched camp, too afraid to go home. Yesterday morning they made peanut-butter sandwiches on trestle tables as children played basketball.

Residents of southern California pride themselves on their courage in the face of impending doom from earthquakes, but Monday morning's tremor tested their mettle.

"It was like a giant explosion. I've lived through a lot of them, and they're nothing. This one really shook me up," said Jim Mejorado, 20, who lives in Sylmar, one of the hardest-hit areas.

Scientists from the California Institute of Technology said the tremor occurred on the Oakridge fault, an east-west line running from the San Fernando Valley to the Pacific Ocean. It has not been active during the past 200 years, they said. It is thought that two mountain ranges squeezing Southern California's San Fernando Valley caused the earthquake, but seismologists said it would take several more days to make precise measurements of the amount of movement involved.

Lucy Jones of the California Institute of Technology reported 88 aftershocks with a magnitude of 3.0 or greater and said there was a "50-50 chance" another aftershock of 5.0 or greater would be felt within days. About 200 struck on Monday, with the strongest at 5.5. More than one million homes lost power but utility officials said service had been restored to most areas by Tuesday morning. Many residents were still without gas and water, however, as crews worked frantically to repair ruptured water mains and gas lines.

United States insurance industry officials said that property damage would far exceed the $7 billion caused in the 1989 San Francisco quake.

President Clinton and Los Angeles residents, meanwhile, received condolences from throughout the world, including messages of sympathy from the Queen and the Pope.

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Los Angeles residents forced from their homes by the earthquake camping out in a makeshift shelter in the suburb of Panorama City

Reformer Fyodorov resigns

THE rouble plunged further yesterday as another leading reform-minded minister joined Yegor Gaidar, the Russian Economics Minister, in refusing to take part in the new Moscow Cabinet.

Boris Fyodorov, the Finance Minister, said he would be devoting his time to supporting the liberal bloc in the new parliament. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, reportedly refused to bow to Mr Fyodorov's demand for the removal of several conservative ministers as his price for remaining in the government. The rouble, which a week ago stood at 1,249 to the dollar, sank yesterday to a record low of 1,504.

Reports said Mr Gaidar's job had been offered to Aleksandr Shokin, Russia's chief debt negotiator, who has the reputation of being a moderate reformer and is well regarded by Western bankers.

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Major accuses Smith of smear campaign

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE back-to-basics dispute descended into bitterness and mud-slinging last night after John Major accused Labour of a campaign of smear and innuendo, and John Smith blamed broken Tory promises on tax for public cynicism about politicians.

After several weeks beset by internal Tory scandals, criticism of his leadership and a renewed feud with parts of the Conservative press, the Prime Minister roused his MPs by deliberately picking a fight with Labour over the spate of "sleaze" allegations levelled at the Government.

He raised the political stakes after the Labour Leader had intensified his efforts to destroy the taxation weapon that has helped the Tories win the last four elections and is also a central plank of the back-to-basics policy.

A *Times* survey showing that workers surrendered less of their income when Denis Healey was Chancellor and a Treasury admission that an extra 400,000 people will pay income tax for the first time from April are causing deep concern among Tory MPs. They were eagerly exploited yesterday by Mr Smith.

As Conservatives looked on anxiously, he went on the offensive, saying that the breaking of election pledges not to raise income tax, national insurance and extend the scope of VAT lay behind "justified public cynicism and anger at this discredited Government".

Mr Major's claims that the Conservatives remain the party of low taxation were met by jeers from Labour MPs as Mr Smith, in an obvious reference to Mr Major's appearance before the Scott enquiry on arms to Iraq, wondered whether he had neglected to enquire into the impact of the Budgets.

It was when Mr Major was challenged by a Labour MP about the need for integrity among public figures that he tried to turn the tables on the Opposition. The Prime Minister retorted that "smear and innuendo are the hallmark of political cowardice and they have become the trademark of the Opposition".

He did not object to Labour's attempt to take a stand on standards in public life. But it was also necessary for them "to look at their own colleagues who spread smear and innuendo on a week-by-week basis with complete disregard for the truth."

Mr Major's remarks startled Labour MPs. The leadership has not been closely

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Smith: broken tax pledge justified public cynicism

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Clinton's nominee for defence post withdraws

PRESIDENT Clinton has suffered a new blow with the decision by Admiral Bobby Inman, his candidate for Defence Secretary, to stand down ahead of planned confirmation hearings.

Mr Inman, who was due to succeed Les Aspin at the Pentagon shortly, has been accused of failing to pay social security for a home help. There has also been criticism of his business activities as a defence contractor in Texas after a career with the CIA.

In a bitter statement Admiral Inman said he was proud of his record in public service, and that his reputation had been subjected to "rush-to-judgment distortions".

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Police Bill faces defeat after Whitelaw leads Lords attack

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was facing defeat last night over its reforms to the police and magistrates' courts after an unprecedented barrage of criticism from the Lord Chief Justice and two former Conservative Home Secretaries.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is likely to offer further concessions to his critics after a powerful assault on the Bill, led by Viscount Whitelaw, or face certain defeat.

Mr Howard had tried to defuse the controversy by offering a compromise on a key part of the Bill which opponents claim threatens to "politicise" the police. But he failed, and it is expected that the Bill may be rewritten substantially as it goes through Lords and Commons.

In a powerful attack on the measures, Viscount Whitelaw, Home Secretary from 1979 to 1983, demanded to know why the Government was bent on reforms to the police which he considered "a very dangerous move indeed". The changes to police authorities put at risk "the political balance which had been so carefully preserved over the years" and would prompt accusations of political interference.

Warning the Government against bringing forward changes without cross-party backing, he said there would have been a "roar of protest" had the Bill been introduced in the 1970s. "Home Secretaries do not need to seek trouble," he said. "They get into it quite easily enough. So it can't be just to get the Home Secretary into more trouble." Lord Whitelaw said he did not wish to be "troublesome". He added: "But when I find I am anxious and concerned, surely it must be my duty to speak out, and firmly — and that is what I am doing."

The former Deputy Prime Minister went on: "Four years as Home Secretary, and three years before that as Opposition spokesman, have convinced me that understanding between political parties on police matters is of great value and that disagreements can be damaging to sensible policing.

"I also believe that party political agreement on the principles of policing has been a crucial factor in the high

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Pain forces Prince to quit serious polo

BY ALAN HAMILTON

INSISTENT chronic back pain has forced the Prince of Wales to retire from competitive polo, the sporting love of his life. He is now expected to play only occasional exhibition and charity games.

The Prince's decision, disclosed by his staff yesterday, comes days after the Queen broke her wrist in a fall from her horse at Sandringham, incurring the criticism of safety experts for her habit of not wearing a hard hat. There was no suggestion that the Prince's decision was linked to his mother's fall.

With her lower left arm in plaster, the Queen was comfortable and continuing her Sandringham holiday as normal, Buckingham Palace said yesterday.

Last year the Prince demoted himself from high-goal polo, the equivalent of the game's premier division, to medium-goal games, but still managed between 20 and 30 matches during the season. This year he is expected to take to the field barely half a dozen times.

Two and a half years ago the Prince was treated at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham for what doctors described as a serious degenerative disc problem, with one disc prolapsed at the base of his spine. He was prescribed rest and anti-inflammatory drugs.

He continued playing, however, in spite of the added complication of a badly broken arm, received in a fall from a polo pony the previous

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Major's tax defence flies in the face of Conservative thinking

COMMENTARY

*The Tories seem to believe it is natural for taxes to rise as incomes rise, a view that is music to the ears of socialists, **Anatole Kaletsky** writes*

In trying to restore the Tories' tattered reputation as a party of low taxes, John Major said yesterday that the standard rate of tax had "dropped dramatically" since Labour was last in office. He also said that real take-home pay for the average worker had gone up 40 per cent since the Tories came to power. The appropriate comment on both statements is "So what?"

The growth of economy, which has been responsible for the increase in average earnings, is an important issue — it is the most important statistic on which a government should be judged. But *it has nothing directly to do with* promises on income tax. The standard rate of tax is also an important figure, but it tells us nothing about what proportion of income will be deducted from the ordinary worker's pay-packet in tax.

The true burden of taxes depends not only on the standard rate, but also on the levels of allowances and national insurance. Putting these factors together, the central fact about the Tories' tax record is irrefutable: a typical taxpayer on average earnings will pay a higher proportion of income in taxes and national insurance from April than a taxpayer on *average earnings in 1978-79.*

As *The Times* showed last week, this statement is true for single people and families on or below average earnings, whether or not allowance is made for the steep reduction in mortgage tax relief since 1979. Once Miras is taken into account (as it should be, since it was a key component of the tax system in the 1970s) the increase in the income-tax burden extends up the income scale to families on about £78,000 a year, four times *the average earnings.*

Mr Major's assertion that there are fewer people paying income tax today than in 1979 is another own goal. The main reason why there are fewer is that unemployment stands at 2.7 million, compared with 1.1 million in 1979. And of the people who are working, a much higher proportion are part-timers. Their earnings are not usually taken into account in calculations of average tax rates, which are based on the earnings of *men in full-time employment.*

But what of the 40 per cent increase in take-home pay noted by Mr Major? Surely the Tories deserve some credit for this? And surely the rise in incomes explains the increase in income taxes since 1979? Nobody disputes that living standards have increased in the past 14 years, although a large part of this increase in earnings came at the expense of investment, savings and exports. The statistics show that the increase in the broadest measure of national income, the gross domestic product, in the 14 years to 1993 was actually the smallest in any 14-year period since the Second World War.

The more fundamental point, however, is that rising real earnings *may explain higher taxes, but* they do not justify them or reconcile them with Tory promises. At first sight, some readers will find this statement surprising. Several correspondents in today's *Times* letters page note, for example, that it is quite reasonable for tax rates to rise with rising incomes.

The process by which this happens, known as "bracket creep", was once denounced by Tories as an insidious trap in the progressive tax system, since it allowed the public sector to absorb a growing share of national output without governments having to admit it. In the 1970s the Rooker-Wise amendment, requiring tax allowances to be indexed for inflation, eliminated one reason for bracket creep — rising prices — but did nothing to allow for the more fundamental cause, the rise in real incomes as the economy grows.

Now Tory loyalists seem to be saying that it is perfectly natural for taxes to rise as a result of rising incomes. Such statements are music to the ears of socialists, who have always believed that government's share of the economy should expand steadily as the country becomes more prosperous. For Conservatives, however, it is a new departure to believe that average tax rates should increase automatically when the economy expands. If this is what Mr Major now believes, he ought to say so.

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IRA man takes UK to European court over right to silence

By Richard Ford and Nicholas Watt

THE Government is facing a challenge in the European court over its removal of the right to silence for terrorist suspects in Northern Ireland courts.

The European Commission on Human Rights ruled yesterday that a case testing the ending of the historic right in the province could go ahead.

The decision will embarrass the Government which is planning to introduce a similar measure modifying the right to silence in England and Wales. Last night Anne Owers, of the civil liberties group Justice, called on the Home Secretary to abandon clauses in the Criminal Justice Bill now going through the Commons which modify the right to silence.

She said: "As this raises the serious question that these provisions abolishing the right to silence are in breach of the European Convention, we expect the Home Secretary to withdraw proposals."

Anthony Murray, a jailed republican terrorist, will bring the case alleging the 1988 order modifying the right to silence both at the police station and in the non-jury courts broke Article 6 of the European Convention providing for the right of a fair trial.

Murray, from Belfast, was jailed for eight years in 1991 after being found guilty of the false imprisonment of Alexander Lynch, an RUC special branch informer. Among others jailed over the case was Danny Morrison, the former director of publicity for Sinn Fein.

The right to silence for terrorist suspects was modified in Northern Ireland in 1988 after Tom King, then Northern Ireland Secretary, argued that it was needed to combat anti-interrogation techniques. IRA personnel were told in training: "Whatever you say, say nothing."

Similar changes to the right to silence are to be brought in in England and Wales. Michael Howard defended his measures last night saying that time was running out for hardened criminals and terrorists who had escaped justice by abusing the right to silence. "Professional criminals know the system and play the system," he said.

Meanwhile, the Irish government will today move to tighten its laws governing terrorist suspects when the Cabinet approves legislation to close loopholes in extradition laws. The "political offence" clause, which has allowed republican paramilitaries to avoid extradition to Britain, will be abolished. Britain has long sought itsremoval.

The changes, which are being proposed by Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, the justice minister, come as Dublin grows increasingly impatient with Sinn Fein's refusal to give a definite answer to the Anglo-Irish Declaration.

The new legislation will end the right of suspects charged with possession of non-automatic weapons to use the "political offence" clause. This was the one area left out by 1987 Extradition Act which was designed to answer Britain's anger over the clause.

☐ Samuel McReynolds was extradited from the Irish Republic to Northern Ireland yesterday. Dublin District Court ordered his extradition to face charges of membership of the Ulster Freedom Fighters, causing criminal damage and having inflammable liquid.

☐ **The father of Johnathan Ball, killed in the IRA bomb attack on Warrington, is to appeal after the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board refused him a cash award for his son's death. Wilf Ball, 59, said it was because he and the boy's mother never married.**

Prince is forced to quit polo

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year. At the time of his treatment the Prince was forced to cancel his public engagements for several weeks: the pain was so severe that he could barely get out of a chair.

His staff said yesterday that, if he continued to play polo, his problem was unlikely to get markedly worse. It was also, however, not likely to get better. "He still suffers and, as anyone else would do in his position, he has accepted that a time inevitably comes when certain things have to be given up," a spokesman said.

This year the Prince has a heavy round of engagements in Wales to mark the 25th anniversary of his investiture at Caernarvon Castle, and a number of foreign tours beginning with a visit to Australia and New Zealand next week. He was concerned, his staff said, that if he continued playing he might suffer further injury, causing him to cancel engagements again and disappoint many people.

The Prince's decision will not have been made without considerable heart-searching and disappointment. He has always made it known that the intense physical activity of polo was his preferred safety valve from the pressures of his public life.

But evidence of his continuing back pain was apparent during his recent tour of Gulf states. Wherever he went he was accompanied by a detective carrying a cushion.



The Prince, holding his back and clearly in pain, during a match last year

Gay reform sparks Tory dissent

By Jill Sherman
Political Correspondent

A GROUP of Tory MPs is threatening to revolt against the final stage of the Criminal Justice Bill if a move to lower the age of consent for homosexuals is supported in a free vote in the Commons later this month.

Tory backbenchers who fiercely oppose lowering the age from 21 argue that the Bill, which contains tough measures on law and order, risks being hijacked as a vehicle for reforming homosexual law. They claim that they will vote against the third reading if an amendment equalising the age of consent to 16 is approved.

Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield, said: "The Government should not allow the matter to become a major issue in the Bill. Those who are opposed to reducing the age of consent for homosexuals may well vote against the third reading."

Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South, has tabled an amendment calling for the age of consent to be equalised at 16 but as yet no amendment has been put down supporting a reduction in the age to 18. This measure would win greater support among Tory MPs and is likely to split the rebels.

MPs threatening to revolt claim that between 12 and 20 backbenchers would do the same. However, Labour MPs are expected to abstain at the third reading as they did on the Bill's second reading.

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Whitelaw delivers Police Bill attack

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standing over the years of the British police service."

His attack will force a substantial retreat by the Government to avoid the risk of the Bill being thrown out by the Lords. It came amid an extraordinary display of opposition in the Lords. The Government was castigated by speaker after speaker after the *Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay* of Clashfern, launched the second reading debate of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, attacked what he called the "potential hidden agenda" of the proposals for reorganising magistrates' courts which, he said, undermined the judicial independence of the magistracy and their clerks. He found some of the responsibilities spelt out in the Bill for the proposed new chief justices' clerks as "chilling".

Lord Carr, Tory Home Secretary from 1972 to 1974, described the proposals for appointing police authority members as totally unacceptable. If they were not amended they would be "a stumbling block to giving my support to any part of the Bill".

Mr Howard looks certain to bw forced to make substantial changes on the two major aspects of the police measures focused on by Lord Whitelaw: first, power of the Home Secretary to appoint the chairmen of police authorities; second, measures to replace elected councillors with Home Secretary nominees.

Lord Whitelaw questioned *why Mr Howard, in proposing* power to approve the chairman of the new police authorities, seemed determined to seek the power "which all his predecessors have avoided in past years".

Lord Taylor said justices' clerks were to be put on fixed-term contracts and performance-related pay. These might be "useful tools in a purely managerial context", but in a judicial context they could have no place.

He added: "We shall fail in our duty if we allow this Bill to pass in a way which allows the impression to be given that the advice magistrates receive or the judicial decisions taken by their clerks are no longer a matter of their own discretion but are instead liable to influence by the executive . . ."

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Major accuses Smith of smear campaign

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involved in the latest Tory mishaps; it has preferred to sit back and enjoy the spectacle of Mr Major at war with much of the tabloid press. It was not clear whether the attack was premeditated, but within 40 minutes of Mr Major leaving the Commons Tory officials presented a list of alleged Labour smears going back to the BCCI scandal and the Monmouth by-election of 1991.

More recent examples were Labour allegations of irregularity against Wandsworth Council, and remarks by Robin Cook, the Labour trade and industry spokesman, on Mr Major's evidence to the Scott investigation.

The officials also reminded reporters of a speech by Mr Smith last year in which he said that "politics ought to be a moral activity and we should never feel inhibited in stressing the moral basis of our approach". They contrasted that with what they said was Mr Smith's silence in tackling the smears made by his MPs.

Labour reacted contemptuously to the claims, saying they were a desperate attempt to divert attention. A Labour official said: "This Government clearly believes that the Opposition should never criticise its behaviour. Mr Major's desperate action will further convince people about the mixture of deceit and hypocrisy which characterises everything they do."

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90 stranded in Africa after airline collapses

Britons were among scores of passengers stranded in West Africa last night after Air Gambia collapsed. The company operated scheduled services to the capital Banjul from Gatwick. It announced yesterday that the service had been suspended and 90 people, many British holidaymakers, were left in Banjul without a flight. Seventy others were to fly out of Gatwick. Air Gambia started in 1990, but faced mounting financial problems. The Association of British Travel Agents called for a Government-backed scheme to protect people booking scheduled flights.

Lessons in sobriety

Children as young as seven should be taught the dangers of alcohol to promote sensible drinking later on, a consortium of educationists and the drinks industry says. Primary teachers are to be offered a teaching pack developed in Birmingham schools with help from the Portman Group, the drinks industry's trust to combat alcohol abuse.

Cleveland on way out

Plans to abolish Cleveland County Council and replace it with four unitary authorities were accepted by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. If the Local Government Commission's plans are approved by Parliament, Cleveland will be replaced in April 1995 by Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Langbaurgh.

Lockerbie funeral

More than 200 mourners attended the funeral yesterday of a man who lost his parents in the Lockerbie disaster. David Flannigan, 24, who died of a heart attack after a drinking bout in Thailand last month, was buried with his family. His parents and sister were killed when debris from the jet fell on their house. He is survived by his brother Steven, 19.

Carey pleads for Sudan



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, left, last night appealed for food, medicine, clothing, transport and educational materials for Sudan. In a speech due to be delivered at the House of Lords, Dr Carey, who returned early from a visit to southern Sudan after he was caught up in a diplomatic row, said the country's problems were "fundamentalism and intolerance".

World Cup snatched

The original football World Cup, donated by Sir Thomas Lipton, has been stolen from the workingmen's club that won it outright before the First World War. The 3ft-high silver-plated statuette of a player throwing in a ball was snatched from its glass case at the club in West Auckland, Co Durham. The trophy was insured for £20,000.

EastEnders libel trial

Policeman insists he caught TV star behaving indecently

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A POLICEMAN told the High Court yesterday how he caught the television soap actress Gillian Taylforth performing oral sex on her fiancé in their car on a sliproad of the A1 near Borehamwood, Hertfordshire.

PC Terence Talbot told a libel jury: "I walked up to the off-side driver's window. I saw a woman lying with her head in the man's lap. The head was moving slowly up and down. The gentleman was sitting in the near-side seat with his eyes closed."

PC Talbot went on: "I tapped on the window. The gentleman looked at the window and the woman resumed her position in the driver's seat. I saw for a fleeting moment that he was holding his erect penis with his right hand and trying to replace that in his trousers."

Miss Taylforth, 38, who plays bistro-owner Kathy Beale in the BBC series *EastEnders*, and Geoffrey Knights, 39, are suing News Group Newspapers, publisher of *The Sun*, for repeating a police allegation over their activities while returning from Royal Ascot on June 17, 1992.

News Group denies libel, claiming that the front-page story *The Sun* published three days later was true. But the company says that if it was untrue then *The Sun* received its information from the Metropolitan police, a third party in the case, who would be responsible.

PC Talbot said that Mr Knights claimed his fiancée had stopped the vehicle because he wanted to be sick after an attack of pancreatitis and that was why he had loosened his trousers.

Once Mr Knights had been taken into custody at Borehamwood police station, he allegedly told PC Talbot and another officer: "Take your uniforms off and I will f****** fight you outside."

Professor John Farndon, an expert in pancreatitis, said Mr Knights's description of the attack was inconsistent with his previous recorded attacks and his medical experience of the condition.

Professor Farndon, who teaches at Bristol University and is consultant surgeon at Bristol Royal Infirmary, said someone suffering such an attack would want to rest in bed and take relieving drugs. He would not "gambol" on the grass or be vociferous to police, as Mr Knights was alleged to have been.

Asked by George Carman QC, defending the newspaper, if, in his opinion, Mr Knights was genuinely ill when stopped by police, he replied: "I do not believe so."



PC Talbot: saw woman's head in the man's lap

Mr Carman asked the officer if he watched *EastEnders*. PC Talbot replied: "I have seen *EastEnders* but I do not follow it — it does not fit in with my shiftwork."

PC Talbot said that at no time was Mr Knights vomiting on the road as the couple told the jury. "If Mr Knights had been sick, I would have been standing in it."

Earlier Mr Carman told the jury that Miss Taylforth was not the "demure lady" painted by her counsel. On the sixth day of the case, he said a video made at a private party, shown to the jury on Monday, in which the *EastEnders* star simulated oral sex with a sausage and a wine bottle, pointed to a "certain coarseness in sexual matters" when she was drinking.

Opening the newspaper's case, he told the jury: "That doesn't, of course, prove that she was having oral sex in a car but it does give you another insight into her character."

Mr Carman said: "Miss Taylforth was behaving in a way that one hopes the majority of young women in this country would never behave."

Miss Taylforth and Mr Knights, who live at Highbury New Park, north London, with their two-year-old daughter Jessica, claim that PC Talbot misconstrued the situation.

The hearing continues today.



The Earl of Caithness walking to the funeral service for his wife yesterday with their children Lady Iona, 15, and Lord Berriedale, 12

Canon calls for forgiveness at Caithness funeral

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE Earl of Caithness led mourners yesterday at the funeral service for his wife, the Countess of Caithness, who apparently shot herself. The funeral was arranged by the Countess's parents, who chose a country church that has been linked with her family since the 16th century.

"None of us knows," Canon Cedric Bradbury told the small family gathering, "when despair, rejection, hopelessness or an overwhelming sense of failure might bring us to the point of suicide." He pleaded for tolerance and forgiveness, referring to the waste of life when families were at odds.

Richard Coke and his wife Molly last week blamed their daughter's unhappiness on her husband's friendship with Jan Fitzalan-Howard, 42, a former secretary to the Princess Royal.

The Countess died from head injuries caused by a single gunshot at her home near Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, on January 8 — the eve of her 19th wedding anniversary and three days before her 41st birthday.

Lord Caithness, 45, linked hands with his children, Lady Iona, 15, and Lord Berriedale, 12, as they approached the 14th-century Church of St Mary in Tittleshall, Norfolk.

Major Coke, 75, and his 69-year-old wife arrived five minutes later. Lord Caithness and his children sat in the front pew on the right. The parents of Lady Caithness sat in the front pew on the left. Throughout the 30-minute service, they exchanged neither words nor looks.

Killer made tearful plea for daughter

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A FATHER who bludgeoned his daughter to death and dumped her body in a moorland ditch later made a tearful television appeal for her to get in touch, a court was told yesterday.

Derek Fleming, 52, appeared at the press conference at Halifax police station knowing that his daughter Linda, 23, was already dead, clubbed at least nine times on the head with a builder's hammer, after a row in the family home at Elland, West Yorkshire. An attempt was also made to strangle her.

A jury at Leeds Crown Court was told yesterday that Mr Fleming, the manager of a joinery firm, had confessed after police found his daughter's blood spattered over their home's utility room. He claimed she had been hurt during an argument and he had used the hammer and dumped her body to make it look like an assault by someone else.

Mr Fleming denies murder and the prosecution has refused to accept his plea of guilty to manslaughter on January 22 last year.

Benjamin Nolan QC, for the prosecution, said: "It was a determined attempt to kill, executed, whether in anger or not, with brutal and deliberate violence. We do not accept there was any provocation."

Mr Fleming had made an emotional appeal at a press conference six days after his daughter, a trainee pharmacist, disappeared. Mr Nolan said: "He looked tearful as a father should, but it was a sham."

Three days later Miss Fleming's body was found on Scammonden Moor 11 miles from her house. At first it was thought she had disappeared on her way to work at Halifax General Hospital, but police found that her father's timing of his movements did not tally with accounts from his wife or workmates.

Eventually the father told police that he had returned home on the morning of the death feeling ill and his daughter had wanted to discuss some problems. He told her he was too busy.

After she pushed him, a bitter argument began. He picked up the hammer. "It connected with something, just where and what I cannot say. She fell and hit her head. It was an awful sound, a sickening sound."

The trial continues.

'Sex gang threw boy into sea'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FATHER dropped his 11-year-old son out of a boat to frighten him into silence about the paedophile gang that had abused him, a jury was told yesterday. The man also cut him on the wrist and fired a shotgun near him, the boy said in video evidence.

He told Swansea Crown Court that he was sexually assaulted on the boat before his father dropped him into the sea a mile offshore and left him in the water while he and two other men circled in the boat. He drew pictures of his ordeal during an interview with a social worker and a detective team investigating the activities of an alleged paedophile gang in west Wales.

Eleven men, including his father, and a woman deny conspiracy to commit indecent acts against children.

The boy, now in care, said that he was regularly abused by the men in the boat and was forced by his father to carry out oral sex. Asked by the social worker why his father dropped him in the sea, the boy replied: "To try and frighten me not to tell what happened to me."

The trial continues today.

Givenchy plays familiar tune

FROM IAIN R. WEBB IN PARIS

TO A soundtrack of Frank Sinatra crooning old favourites, Hubert de Givenchy gave faithful customers a wardrobe of new favourites ... except that they were not altogether new.

He filled the catwalk with endless variations on the short, neat suit. Shown in cream, navy and pastels, they looked perfectly chic in gabardine, cotton pique and barathea.

Pinstripes, polka dots and colourful floral prints are classic Givenchy, and they were all included in the collection for spring and summer.

Frills and flounces fluttered on day dresses in black and white. These, no doubt, will be seen during The Season teamed with the big brimmed natural straw picture hats also on show. A newer look was the trouser suit, with a reversible "mini jacket", and soft kimono coats in featherweight wool.

For evening, Givenchy followed the Moroccan trail so popular this season, showing embroidered bolero jackets over draped sheath dresses and gypsy ruffles in paisley print and black gazar.



Silk afternoon dress on Givenchy's catwalk

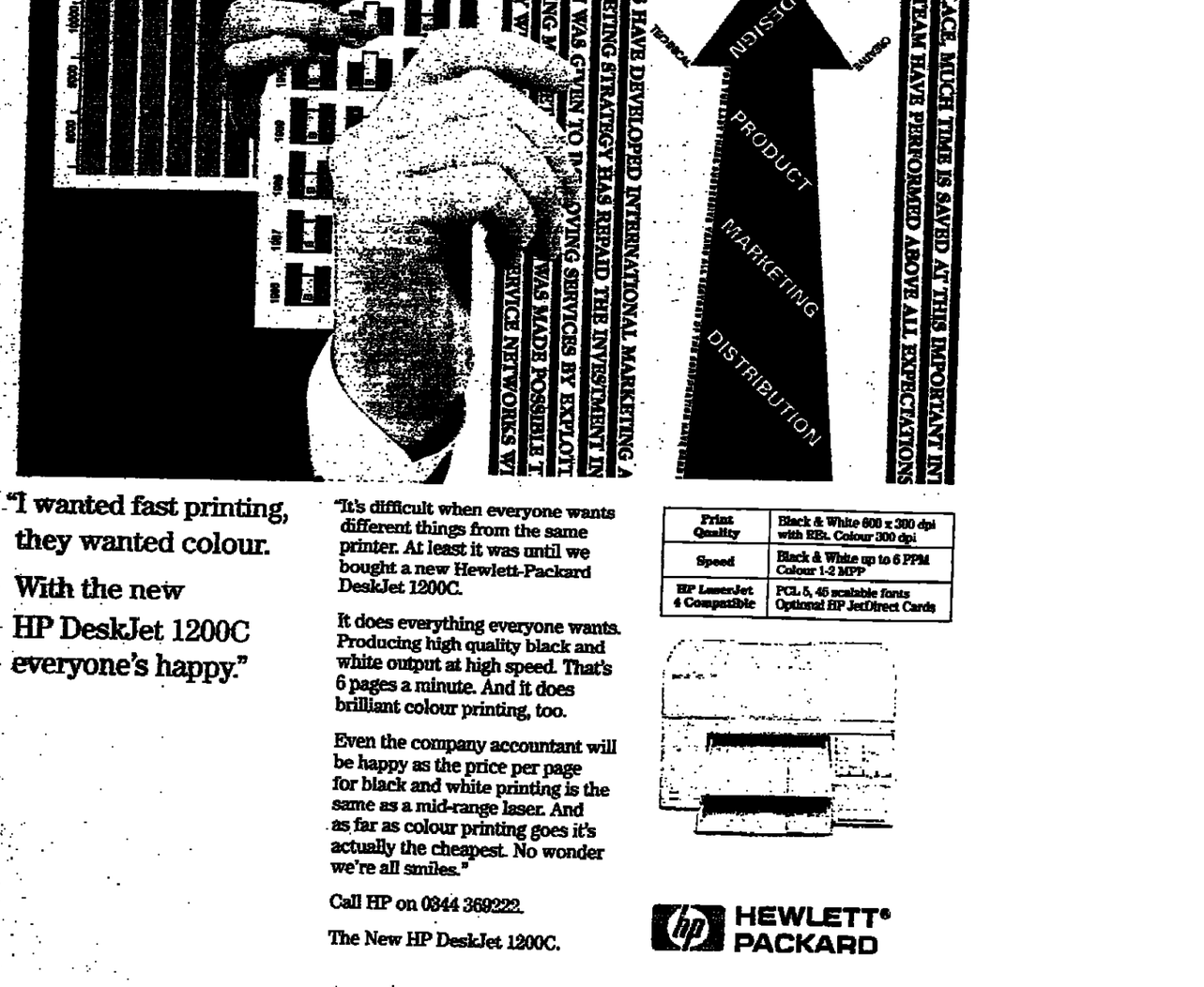
Ungaro's new collection, also shown yesterday, was a flight of fantasy. Heavily layered outfits looked remarkably lightweight because of the palette of ice-cream shades. Swashbuckling lace and organza pirate shirts with huge puffed sleeves were worn over long re-embroidered lace waistcoats. These were teamed with see-through trousers, sometimes shown with an additional lace ruff at the neck or a scarf tied to form a jabot.

Frills also spilt from the front of sculpted jackets that were slashed and secured back together with tiny jewelled bows.

Ungaro's bride was barely visible beneath a haze of frothy tulle which formed a halo more than 3ft high above the model's head. Her outfit, a patchwork of faded lace, dripped with jewels.

In contrast, Oscar de la Renta showed a minimalist statement for the house of Balmain. Clean-cut suits and dresses were topped with patch-pocket swing coats. Coloured cream, lilac, mint and palest pink, they looked thoroughly modern.

For the finale he sent out models wearing vast ballgowns with deep plunging necklines, heavily corseted in pastel silk. These were accessorised with huge straw hats secured by ribbons under the chin.



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RSI victim wins £79,000 after loss of typing job

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

A TYPIST has been awarded a record £79,000 settlement after being forced to give up her job with the Inland Revenue through repetitive strain injury.

The out-of-court settlement will boost the hopes of thousands of computer keyboard operators suffering from RSI, a painful limb disorder dismissed last year by a judge who said it had "no place in the medical books".

Health campaigners and trade union leaders yesterday welcomed the settlement, but employers insisted that it set no legal precedent. The Inland Revenue Staff Federation is



Harris: was typing for seven hours a day

pursuing 200 RSI cases, and other unions are taking similar action.

Kathleen Harris, 47, of west London, developed pains in her right arm in 1990 while working on an electric typewriter for seven hours a day. She was making up to 16,000 keystrokes an hour in her £11,000-a-year job.

She was forced to retire in July last year and is now registered as disabled, unable to do household chores such as ironing or vacuum cleaning. She cannot lift a 1lb bag of sugar.

In October, Judge Prosser QC, sitting in the High Court, rejected an RSI claim brought against the Reuter news agency, describing the condition as "meaningless" and saying its use by doctors could "only serve to confuse".

Asked for a response to the view that RSI did not exist, Mrs Harris said: "They want to get it themselves — then they would know." She said she wanted other RSI sufferers to be helped by her settlement and added: "I hope this helps other people with the same problem."

Clive Brooke, general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, which helped Mrs Harris to bring her case, said the settlement was a strong rebuttal of the judge's "mistaken" view. "This is marvellous news, which offers hope to thousands of RSI sufferers — including many of my members, whose cases we are continuing to pursue."

The Trades Union Congress welcomed the award and said that until yesterday unions had won £118,000 for sufferers of RSI since the judge's controversial ruling. The previous highest settlement for an RSI case was £59,000, awarded to a former Vauxhall machine operator in 1992.

Lawyers said that although the settlement demonstrated clearly that the judge's remarks had not set a legal precedent, they had helped in ensuring that RSI cases should be clear and specific. They urged undeclared sufferers now to come forward.

The Inland Revenue emphasised that the offer to Mrs Harris had originally been made before the judge made his remarks. It said that most of the payment related to loss of future earnings, and that all future cases would be treated on an individual basis.

Trade unions and lawyers believe that large numbers of clerical and other workers are suffering from RSI, but are reluctant to bring cases for fear of losing their jobs without gaining compensation.

Girl awarded £775,000

A GIRL aged eight who was left brain damaged at birth due to a hospital error was awarded £775,000 damages yesterday by the High Court.

Mr Justice Garland was told that Gemma Platt, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, was a spirited young girl but had difficulties with speech and learning.

John Williams QC, counsel for Gemma, said that she was gravely disabled, both physically and intellectually, after suffering cerebral palsy due to lack of oxygen following a delayed birth at the Lister Hospital, Stevenage, in 1985.

The damages are to be paid by the East and North Hertfordshire Health Authority, which admitted liability and apologised to the parents.

ROBIN MAYES



Michael Fabricant MP, served by Fabio Rossi, enjoys a meal in a restaurant. But where will the "service" go — to the waiter or the house?

MP serves up Bill to ban hidden service charges

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A BILL to stop service charges being added to restaurant bills received an unopposed first reading in the Commons yesterday.

■ Britain and Greece are the only European Union member states that do not insist on all-inclusive prices in restaurants

Michael Fabricant, Conservative MP for Mid Staffordshire, said his Bill, introduced under the ten-minute rule, would protect diners whose meal was "soured" by the addition of an unexpected 10, 12.5 or 15 per cent service charge after they had eaten.

Mr Fabricant said that under his Bill the price of a meal would be clear on the menu, like a price tag in a shop, with no extras added later. "This is vital, not only for us but for the millions of foreign visitors who come to Britain each year and who, frankly, feel that they are being ripped off."

At present, Britain is the only EU member state, except Greece, which does not insist on all-inclusive prices in restaurants. Service charges in British hotels and restaurants are only subject to a code of practice issued by the Department of Trade and Industry in 1988 which requires that extra charges such as service charges should be incorporated in the menu prices "where practicable".

Since establishments which follow the code have to show menu prices higher than those which hide additional charges in the small print, the code is widely ignored.

More than a third of 210 London restaurants in the current *Good Food Guide* add service charges to their bills, 20 of them adding 15 per cent.

There is no uniformity about restaurants' policies on service charges, but most options fall into four principal categories.

Prices may be quoted inclusive of service, as by law they already have to be of VAT, but many restaurants then leave a space at the bottom of the credit card slip inviting a further addition. Mr Fabricant described this yesterday as blackmail.

A percentage called "service" may be added at the bottom of the bill, in which case restaurateurs have to pay National Insurance contributions on the additional amount. Where service charges are described as "optional" restaurateurs can avoid paying VAT on them. The exemption should depend on the amount collected being distributed to the staff.

The fourth alternative is for the restaurant to say: "Service not included. Gratuities at the customer's discretion." Many customers find that most confusing of all. In no case can the customer be sure where the money is going — to the restaurant whose employees are paid a fixed wage or into the pockets of the staff.

The Consumers' Association, the Restaurateurs' Association of Great Britain, the National Federation of Consumer Groups, the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Local Authorities' Coordinating Body on Food and Trading Standards all favour legislation to make restaurant menu prices inclusive.

Mr Fabricant's Bill has cross-party support but has virtually no chance of becoming law because of pressure on parliamentary time.

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Accountant wins sex-bias payout

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN ACCOUNTANT who lost her job after becoming pregnant won thousands of pounds in compensation yesterday. Philippa Herring, 37, is believed to be the first privately employed woman to benefit from a change in the law lifting the £11,000 limit on sex discrimination awards.

The compensation figure was agreed at an industrial tribunal settlement in Croydon, south London. Mrs Herring, who had originally claimed £92,000 from Racal Radar Defence Systems, would not disclose the size of the award, but Elizabeth Whitehouse, her solicitor, said that it was "considerably more" than £11,000.

Mrs Herring, of West Byfleet, Surrey, said she thought that the outcome would serve as a salutary lesson to other companies. She had won her claim for unfair dismissal in December, but Racal, of Chessington, Surrey, challenged the amount of compensation she was seeking.

She said after yesterday's settlement that she felt extremely bitter at being made redundant when she was 14 weeks pregnant with her second child Sam, now 14 months. She had been with the company for more than four years and had been promoted to financial controller in January 1989.

She said: "I'd put in a considerable amount of commitment into my career with the company. I worked extremely long hours, in the evenings and at weekends. As far as I am aware I am the only person in that company who was dismissed while pregnant."

Her life was severely disrupted when she lost her job. She said: "I didn't sleep, I didn't eat much and I was constantly breaking down in tears. It takes a lot to pull yourself out of that."

At the original hearing it was said that she had "gone to pieces" and considered an abortion.

She said that Racal was a "traditional" company dominated by men at director level. Mrs Herring is now working as a senior accountant at a computer software company.

Mrs Whitehouse said that the Government removed the £11,000 limit on November 22 last year in line with a judgment from the European Court of Justice that removed the upper limit for public-sector claimants.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Badger killer jailed

A gamekeeper has been jailed for three months for killing two badgers. Philip Marshall, 40, of Midhurst, West Sussex, was caught with Stephen Hickson, 31, of Great Driffield, Humberside, and Rodney Dibble, 33, of Garton-on-the-Wolds, Humberside, by an RSPCA senior investigator on part of the Earl of March's Goodwood estate in West Sussex, where Marshall worked.

Marshall received two three-month concurrent jail sentences for killing the badgers. Stipendiary magistrate Paul Tain imposed no separate penalty at the court in Worthing, West Sussex, on a charge of digging for the badgers. Dibble and Hickson, who worked for the same meat company, were each given two two-month concurrent sentences for helping Marshall to kill the badgers.

What a turn-up

A painting valued at £3,500 of a nude by controversial artist Robert Lenkiewicz, which was stolen from an exhibition, has been handed in to the lost property office at Birmingham New Street Station.

Youth held

A 19-year-old youth from Hungerford, Berkshire, has been arrested over an attack on a policeman who was blinded by glue and thrown into a canal.

Baby sleuth

A stolen car has been recovered after 18-month-old Joshua Lee-Davies of Preston, Lancashire, called out: "Look, Grandad's car-car" while out with his mother.

PC run over

PC Nigel Davis, 31, suffered multiple fractures when he was run over by a lorry on the M4 in Berkshire, while he changed a driver's wheel.

Player dies

A soccer player has collapsed and died during a game. Mark Watkins, 27, of Pontypool, Gwent was playing an evening training game.

Lucky landing

Peter Mellett, 33, of Cannock, Staffordshire, survived a 75ft fall, landing in wet concrete at a sports complex where he was working on a ski slope.

Police guard

Devon and Cornwall police are to spend almost £32,000 a year for a night watchman from a security firm to guard offices at Barnstaple.

Teed off

Golfing equipment worth £1 million has been stolen from a warehouse in Reading.

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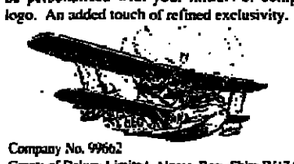
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Women demand national assault on male violence

BY KATE ALDERSON

MORE than 70 per cent of boys believe they are likely to use violence against women in future relationships and more than 60 per cent of men say they would respond violently to their partner in certain situations.

These statistics were highlighted yesterday at the launch of Zero Tolerance, a campaign that aims to challenge the acceptance of violence against women. One of the campaign's posters reads: "He gave her flowers, chocolates and multiple bruising."

Nearly 50 per cent of all murders of women are by a present or former partner and 40 per cent of homeless women are in that situation because of abuse.

Domestic violence accounts for 25 per cent of all reported crimes, according to Victim Support, and a police survey found that 70 per cent of women said the crime that worried them most was rape.

Zero Tolerance has been organised by the Association of London Authorities (ALA). At the launch in London yesterday, Insp Shirley Tulloch, co-ordinator of the Metropolitan police domestic violence units, said 25 per cent of all murders in London were domestic. "Do not allow this situation go on behind closed doors," she urged. Jacqueline Abbott, chair of the ALA's women's committee, said: "The campaign's aim is to make violence against women socially unacceptable. It carries a certain message for all men. Violence against women is a crime. We want the Government to get behind this initiative and launch it nationally."

Hananna Siddiqui, of the women's group Southall Black Sisters, welcomed the attempt to raise awareness but said there was an urgent need for more resources.

Kim Smith, of the Women's Aid Federation, which provides most help for women and children who experience domestic violence, said it received 600 to 700 telephone calls a month but could find suitable places in refuges for only about 40 per cent.

There is no national funding for women's refuges and many councils do not provide financial help. Sandra Horley, director of Refuge, an organisation that supports victims of domestic violence, said: "While I support the campaign, the problem is there are still no resources for refuges.

"How many more surveys do we have to produce before the Government co-ordinates and funds a national campaign?

"This campaign will raise an expectation among women who need help, but at Refuge we get 12,000 telephone enquiries a year and can afford to provide for only 300 women and children."

There are 280 refuges in the United Kingdom, a third of a government recommendation 17 years ago. Last year, 30,000 women and children stayed in refuges in England.

University students pressured into sex

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

MORE than a third of female university students have been pressured into having sex against their will, many of them on a first date, according to research carried out in Scotland. Just over 15 per cent of male students said they had also experienced sexual pressure from a partner.

Most were reluctant to use the term "date rape" to describe their experiences, but more than half felt there was not enough awareness on the issues of date rape and sexual pressuring.

The findings come from a study on date rape carried out by the Edinburgh University Students' Association. The survey of 636 Edinburgh students was carried out at the start of the 1993 summer term. Students were asked to complete a questionnaire anonymously, giving details of their sexual experiences and attitudes.

About 90 per cent said they had dated someone before going to university and just over 81 per cent had dated since arriving. Almost two-thirds had had a sexual relationship before arriving at university and 72 per cent had had sex since.

Almost 27 per cent said they had come under pressure to have sex against their will. Half of these experiences had taken place at university and most involved another student. The pressure was more likely to be put on female students, with 37.4 per cent coming under pressure.



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Father aged 15 to face questions from CSA

■ Critics of the Child Support Agency have accused it of misusing authority in the case of a father still at school

BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE Child Support Agency is to interview a 15-year-old boy whose teenage girl friend has had a baby.

The case has provoked more criticism of the CSA, although it has emphasised that the boy will not be asked for money until he reaches 16 or until he leaves school. His mother has refused to let CSA officials into their home in Lincoln.

In another case, a father who is believed recently to have received a maintenance demand from the Child Support Agency was being interviewed last night in connection with his wife's death.

The woman's bloodstained body was discovered by her 12-year-old son at their home in South Glamorgan. The man was found slumped in his car in the garage, apparently after trying to commit suicide.

A police officer said: "We are aware that the CSA demand dropped on [the husband] very recently and it is a line of enquiry."

The case of the teenage father has been taken up by Apart (Absent Parents Asking for Reasonable Treatment), a pressure group that is trying to persuade the Government to reform the agency's operations.

Malcolm Jones, chairman of Apart, said: "A boy at 15 is only a child himself. We are meant to protect them, not exploit them. The agency was set up for the welfare of children."

Mr Jones said the boy had accepted that he was the child's father and yet the CSA was trying to pressurise him into signing forms. "It is another example of its misuse of authority," he said. "Some of the methods it uses are nothing short of horrendous."

The CSA confirmed that approaches had been made to the family but said no demand for maintenance would be made until the boy had finished his education. "What we have to do is interview the child in the presence of one of his parents and simply ask him to sign a statement of paternity. It has always been the procedure, even before the agency was set up."

A spokeswoman added that until the boy was earning there was no way of knowing how much he would be asked to pay, if at all. "The CSA is simply implementing the Act passed by Parliament, and the staff are just trying to do their job."

Neighbours of the woman who died said she and her husband, who were in their early 40s, had recently split up after 20 years of marriage and she was seeking maintenance for their two children.

Her son found her lying in a pool of blood in the kitchen of their home when he returned from school. It is believed she had died from knife wounds.

A friend of the woman, who also had a daughter aged six, said she had been looking for a solicitor to initiate divorce proceedings. "I told her about the Child Support Agency, but she said they were already chasing her husband," she said.

The CSA would not say if they had been in contact with the husband. It refuses to comment on individual cases. A spokeswoman said, however, that the agency had a policy of not pursuing maintenance in cases where there was a strong possibility that a husband would resort to violence to disrupt the process. The spokeswoman admitted that men who adopted this course could avoid paying maintenance under the new legislation.

The spokeswoman also said that staff who conducted interviews were trained by Relate, the marriage guidance agency, to look out for signs of potential danger.

Critics of the CSA are orgainising another protest march in London on February 14. The latest demonstration is being planned by a group of parents in Chatham, Kent, more than 200 of whom attended a meeting on Monday to discuss their protest plans.

PETER TREVINOR



Sgt Janice Poole may seek compensation for benefits lost since the birth of Stephannie and Sebastian

RAF single mother wins equal rights

BY EMMA WILKINS

AN UNMARRIED mother serving with the Royal Air Force has won the right to live in married quarters and claim service benefits for her children.

Sgt Janice Poole, 35, a statistical analyst at RAF Brampton, Cambridgeshire, was delighted with the decision, reached by the Ministry of Defence after more than two years of consideration.

But Sgt Poole, who gave birth to her twins Stephannie and Sebastian in 1991, was disappointed that the MoD had settled the case on a technicality without addressing the principle of illegitimacy. More than 30 personnel in the three services are in similar circumstances.

Sgt Poole, who had been separated from her husband for two years when she unexpectedly became pregnant by another man, has been granted the same rights as married servicewomen because her divorce was not made absolute until six months afer she gave birth.

She is now considering a claim for compensation of up to £5,000 for loss of benefits, including medical expenses for the children, the cost of living off the base while her case was considered, and legal fees.

"It has been a long fight and I am delighted and relieved that, in my case, the MoD has finally done the right thing," she said. "But the principle has not been answered and I'm disappointed on behalf of the other service personnel."

The ministry said Sgt Poole was now categorised as a widowed, divorced or separated serviceperson with parental responsibility and entitled to claim benefits for children, including medical costs, schooling and overseas allowances, and to live in married quarters. "It turned out to have a very easy solution and if there is a claim for compensation we will study it carefully."

A review of the status of single mothers in the services is being carried out by the ministry. The findings will be submitted to ministers within a few months.

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Yeo's lover risks expulsion for council absence

BY ANDREW PIERCE

LABOUR councillors will decide tonight whether to try to save the political career of Julia Stent, the mother of Tim Yeo's child, who faces expulsion from Hackney council over her poor attendance record.

If Ms Stent, a Tory councillor, does not go to a council sub-committee meeting tomorrow she could be disqualified from the Labour-run local authority in east London.

Labour councillors are divided about tactics and many have expressed sympathy for her plight.

One councillor said: "She is a single mother, her child has been ill, and she has been subjected to enormous harassment by the press. I don't believe we should be seen to do anything to make her position even more uncomfortable."

Under the Local Government and Housing Act, councillors are disqualified if they do not attend at least one meeting in six months. The solicitor, 34, has not attended since July, soon after the birth of her daughter. If she cites special circumstances to support her absence, the rule can be waived.

"If she throws herself on the mercy of the council, we might back her," the Labour councillor said.

There was to be no mercy from Colin Beadle, leader of the seven Liberal Democrats on the council. "I know she's supposed to have had a difficult birth with her baby. I can understand the need for a councillor to take time off in certain circumstances, but this is ridiculous," Mr Beadle said. "Hackney is heavily Labour and not a very well-run authority, and it doesn't help the job of the opposition when someone like this gets elected."



Stent: has not attended council since last July

Ms Stent would have been disqualified earlier but she managed to avoid a potentially embarrassing by-election by attending a meeting for only 15 minutes. When she stood for the council 18 months ago, she pledged to "work night and day for the electorate".

If she is dropped from the council there will not be a by-election since all the councillors come up for re-election in May.

□ Women head 90 per cent of the 1,330,000 one-parent families in Britain and form an even higher proportion of the 952,000 who qualify for income support. The Government says that supporting such families costs £5 billion a year, three times more than ten years ago.

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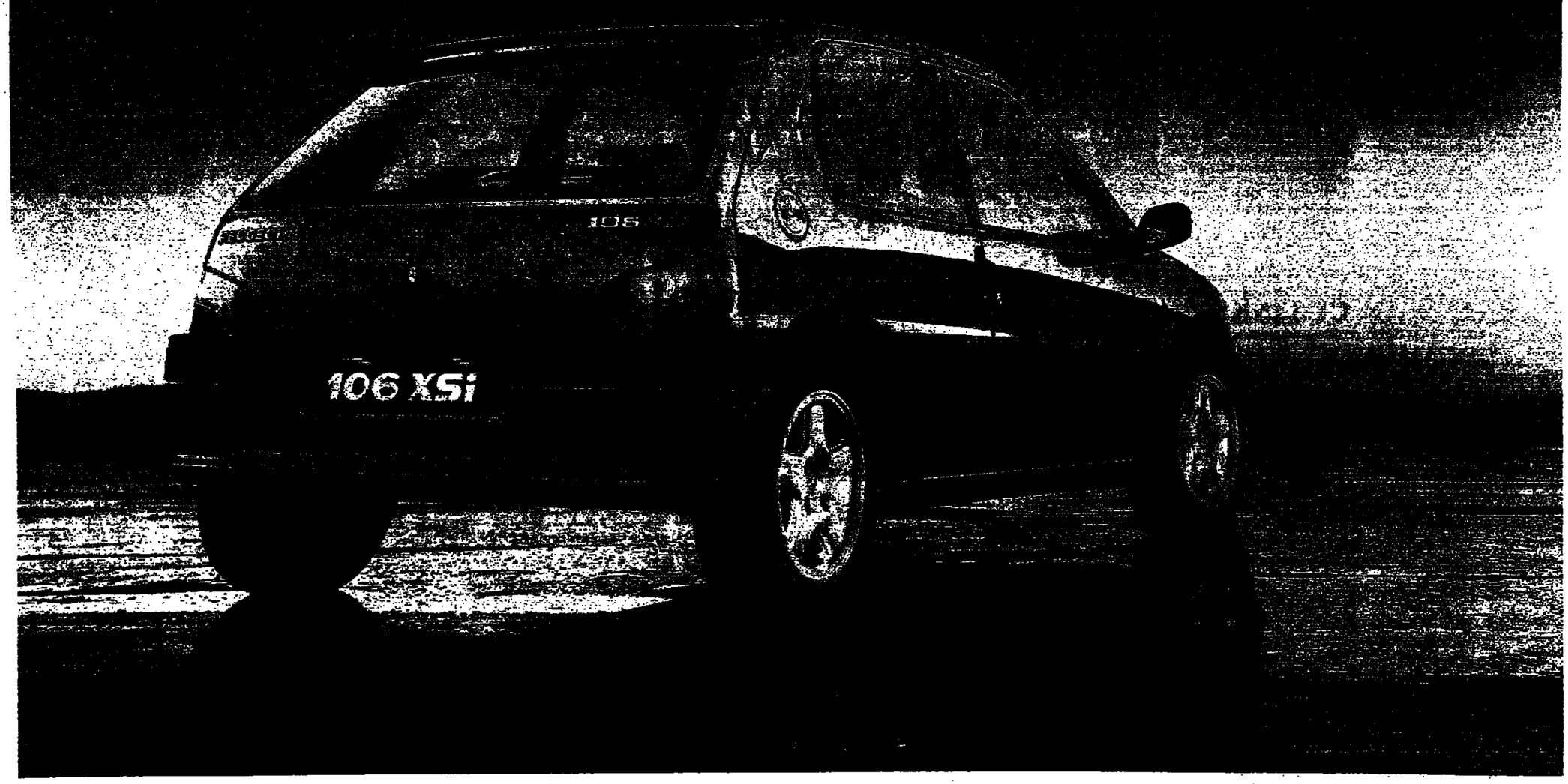
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Homeless mothers to lose council priority

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to press ahead with plans to prevent single mothers from qualifying automatically for council houses, despite the current furore over the Prime Minister's back-to-basics strategy.

Sir George Young, the Housing Minister, will announce tomorrow that homeless single mothers will no longer be given priority for housing. It is a move that underlines Mr Major's determination that his strategy will not be derailed by the latest string of political scandals.

Sir George's statement in the Commons will inevitably fan the flames of the dispute over family values and will be seized on by the Labour Party as a blatant attack on single mothers.

Earlier this week Environment Department sources indicated that the housing policy review had been delayed until the end of the month because of the continuing chaos surrounding back-to-basics. Tomorrow's announcement is intended to be seen as a deliberate display of confidence in the strategy.

While the Prime Minister has insisted that the Government is not embarking on a moral crusade, he has talked about single mothers becoming an increasing burden on the state. There has been little evidence to support pronouncements by some ministers that teenage mothers are deliberately becoming pregnant to get council housing. At the Tory Party conference in 1992 Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, accused pregnant teenagers of jumping housing queues.

Last year Sir George, who is on the liberal wing of the party, surprised colleagues by turning on single mothers. "How do we explain to the young couple who want to wait for a home before they start a family ... that they cannot be rehoused ahead of the unmarried teenager expecting her first, probably unplanned, child," he said.

A consultation paper, reviewing housing legislation, will be published tomorrow recommending changes in laws covering the homeless. At present local councils have to give priority to homeless single mothers when allocating permanent housing. In future they will have far more flexibility but they will be obliged to find temporary housing for teenage mothers. This is more likely to be in private rented flats than in hostels.

Yesterday Sir George emphasised that homeless single mothers would not be left on the streets. "In a civilised society there is no question of vulnerable people such as single mothers with children not having a home."

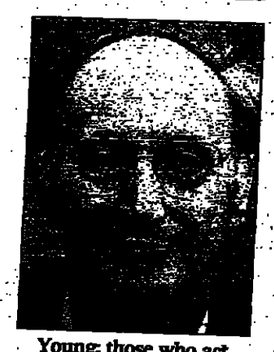
However, he added: "We have a system which in effect penalises those who act responsibly and is seen to reward those who, for whatever reason, act irresponsibly, and there is a feeling of injustice."

Some single mothers would benefit from the change, he said on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme. "Those who remain with their parents and look after their children at home at the moment just go on the waiting list and have to wait their turn," Sir George said. "Those who leave the home, for whatever reason, and become statutorily homeless get rehoused ahead of them. We want a system that re-enforces responsible behaviour, encourages people to stay together rather than promotes family disruption and eviction."

Single mothers who left home would probably get a flat of their own in the private rented sector. Their needs would then be assessed alongside others on the waiting list to decide who would move on to permanent accommodation.

Jack Straw, the shadow Environment Secretary, insisted that Sir George was implying that those who acted irresponsibly would be punished. "Sir George Young is the decent face on what is an extremely indecent and unpleasant and amoral policy," Mr Straw said. "The reason there is pressure on the housing list is because the number of people who are homeless has increased threefold since this Government took office in 1979."

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Young: those who act responsibly penalised



Heseltine finds unlikely allies in party

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

MICHAEL Heseltine could still be the next Prime Minister, according to some prominent rightwingers who see him as a compromise candidate in a possible future power struggle between the left and the right.

The President of the Board of Trade at first appears an unlikely potential ally of the right. The man who three years ago succeeded in deposing Margaret Thatcher has been accused of being an emotional interventionist and ardent European. After his own Black Tuesday, when he misjudged the nation's sentiments over the coal industry, even his supporters thought he might have gambled too far. After his heart attack in June, many thought he would retire.

However, spurred on by a fresh bout of speculation about John Major's future, Mr Heseltine's supporters have quietly been sounding out the right to see if "Tarzan" could swing again. If John Major does not survive the local elections in May, they argue, Mr Heseltine would be the perfect compromise between Michael Portillo, the young pretender of the right, and the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke.

One right-wing MP pointed out that while other Cabinet ministers are looking increasingly harassed, Mr Heseltine has remained calm. Yesterday, in a speech on coal in the Commons, he appeared self-confident and relished sparring with Labour. "He came back from his Christmas holidays in Thailand looking like a fit 48-year-old and very statesmanlike," the MP said.

His parliamentary aide, Richard Ottaway, MP for Croydon South, insisted his boss was again setting a cracking pace. "He is handling two major Bills, he had the coal debate yesterday, today he is launching a presentation on deregulation and then he is off to Australia. I am sprinting to keep up with him."

Mr Ottaway stressed that Mr Heseltine was happy at the DTI. "But he has always said that if a vacancy occurred he might put his hat in the ring." Mr Heseltine is obviously relishing his role as elder statesman. He has generally kept aloof from debates over "back to basics" and has refused to become embroiled in arguments over the recent financial and sex scandals.

There is an affinity of character with Baroness Thatcher. They are both high-stakes, high-profile political gamblers. He is also a passionate, if slightly bewildering, orator.

But one of the most endearing factors for the right is the likely brevity of his tenure, which would provide time to groom Mr Portillo as a successor.

Business red tape facing the knife

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
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MICHAEL Heseltine will today launch a Government crusade against red tape by publishing the bitterly contested Deregulation Bill.

The measure, a key item in the Government's programme, seeks to sweep away thousands of rules and regulations and to save firms hundreds of millions of pounds a year. It will break new ground constitutionally by relying heavily on the inclusion of a "King Henry VIII" clause, giving ministers the power to repeal primary legislation by winning a single vote in Parliament.

Agriculture, trade and industry, environment and employment will be the main areas affected by the bill. It will drastically prune workplace safety laws and simplify fire safety standards for foam-filled furniture, nightclothes and toys. Regulations covering food hygiene and animal welfare will be trimmed. Consumer legislation covering items such as push-chair safety, package holidays, and the contents of cosmetics has also been scrutinised.

The bill is also expected to liberalise the licensing laws by allowing children under 14 to enter pubs if accompanied by an adult.

Labour scores by taking the Tories back to taxation

Forget sex scandals and back-to-basics moralising. The Government will be much more damaged because it is increasing taxes. John Smith scored yesterday on this issue at Prime Minister's questions when he noted that 400,000 more people will pay tax as a result of the freezing of personal allowances in the current and next financial years.

Appropriately, this information emerged in answer to a parliamentary question from a Labour MP, Jeff Rooker. Back in 1977, he was one of the co-authors of the successful Rooker-Wise amendment, requiring that tax allowances are raised each year in line with prices unless Parliament specifically overrides such a change. The instigator of the amendment was Nigel Lawson, then the somewhat improbable, and far from silent, Opposition whip on the Finance Bill committee. He writes in his *The View from Number 11* how the Labour Government had "carelessly included among the Labour backbenchers on the committee two — Jeff Rooker (who understood what he was doing) and Audrey Wise (who may not have done) — who were sympathetic to the indexation of personal allowances, as a means of preventing those on low incomes from being dragged into the tax net simply by virtue of inflation."

Lord Lawson of Blaby co-ordinated tactics with Mr Rooker. He also had to persuade Geoffrey Howe, then shadow Chancellor, who feared that statutory indexation might tie his hands — "though he could also see that, for a party pledged to reduce the burden of income tax, preventing inflation from increasing it by stealth made sense."

The change has ensured transparency in the tax system. When allowances are frozen, as they were in 1981, people know they are paying more. As Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Lord Lawson took the clause overriding indexation through the Commons. Before 1977, maintaining existing allowances for a further year in unchanged cash terms would have required no legislation.

"It was only because of the Rooker-Wise-Lawson amendment that the Government had to come out in the open and treat the non-indexation of the allowances as a tax increase, raising £2 billion of additional revenue, and could no longer increase the tax burden by stealth."

The impact is now much less because inflation is roughly a fifth of what it was in 1981. But, cumulatively, failing to index personal allowances for two financial years will raise £1.1 billion and bring 400,000 low-paid people into the tax net. *The Times* last week reported that the average family will pay more in income tax and National Insurance than in the last Labour year of 1978-79.

That is, of course, only part of the story, as John Major has said. Even though the proportion of income paid in tax is higher, marginal tax rates have been cut and fewer people will pay tax next year than in 1978-79. The growth of of earnings has meant that real take-home pay is 40 per cent higher than in the last Labour year. But that is no thanks to Conservative tax cuts.

All that Mr Major can say, as he did yesterday, is that "in any given circumstances, the rate of taxation under any Conservative Government would be lower than under a Labour Government at any time." That may true, and belated candour. But, as Lady Thatcher might say, promising to raise taxes by less than Labour is not exactly a conviction Tory message. The divide in British politics has been blurred, and the Tories, as well as the taxpayers, will be the losers.

PETER RIDDELL

RIDDELL ON POLITICS



Lawson: pushed for tax change

Major defends £234m aid for Malaysian dam

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major was accused yesterday of adopting an "aid for arms" policy in overruling expert advice and offering £234 million to Malaysia in return for defence orders.

The Prime Minister infuriated Opposition spokesmen by conceding that he had rejected the advice of senior civil servants to ensure that Britain won billions of pounds of contracts to Malaysia.

Mr Major launched a fierce defence of his strategy in approving a record amount of overseas aid for a Malaysian dam project dismissed by one expert as "unequivocally unsound" and an abuse of foreign aid rules. However, he refused to respond to demands to release confidential documents detailing Whitehall opposition to the project.

The Prime Minister attacked critics by saying that the decision was taken to ensure orders from a Malaysian Government which had operated a "Buy British Last" policy for a decade. During Commons question time he claimed the Government had been "backing British business" while all Labour could do was "carp and criticise".

The decision, in February 1991, was taken to honour promises made in 1989 by Baroness Thatcher to Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian prime minister, "and in the wider context of maintaining billions of pounds of British exports to Malaysia". These had totalled £5 billion since 1982 and had doubled between 1988 and 1992.

"It is about time the Opposition took a consistent position on these things. How do you reconcile your party's call for lower unemployment with the criticism of this particular project? Here is the British Government backing British business in achieving orders abroad, and all you can do is carp and criticise."

However, his admission provoked immediate claims that he had used overseas aid for commercial reasons and not for helping foreign countries' development, as laid down in government guidelines. The cost of the project shot up from £316 million to £417 million. It has since been described as an ecological disaster which has cost Malaysia another £100 million.

Tom Clarke, Labour's overseas development spokesman, demanded to see memoranda which Sir Tim Lankester, permanent secretary to the Overseas Development Administration, has been barred from making public. Labour MPs claimed yesterday that the memoranda might show that the eventual cost of the project would be far higher.

Sir Tim told a Commons select committee on Monday that he had written to Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and Baroness Chalker, the Overseas Development Minister, making it clear that he could not approve the Malaysian scheme.

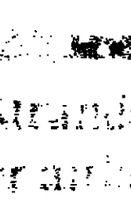
Mr Clarke said yesterday: "Mr Major has come close to admitting the abuse of the aid programme but there is still more to come. It is now his duty to Parliament to let us see why he took those decisions so that we can see just how he has abused the aid programme and just how bad an economic decision that was."

Some Tory MPs have joined Labour calls for Mr Hurd, and possibly Mr Major, to appear before the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee for an extended investigation of the affair. Robert Sheldon, Conservative chairman of the Commons Public Accounts Committee, which investigated the funding controversy on Monday, said on *Channel 4 News* last night: "There does seem to be some clear link between the aid and export of arms."

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In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: environment. British Waterways Bill, motion to carry forward from last session.
Lords (2.30): Debates on quangos and Whitehall executive agencies, playschool and nursery education provision, and summer time.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Leaders emerge

AFTER two rounds of the Fide Candidates matches in Wijk aan Zee, Holland, Kramnik, Anand, Salov, Kamsky and Timman have emerged as the respective leaders of their individual contests. The match between Britain's Michael Adams and Boris Gelfand of Belorussia is level pegging at two draws each. My predictions for the eventual winners are still looking viable with the exception of Lautier v Timman, where the young Frenchman, although higher-rated, has been in trouble in both games and is fortunate to have even one draw.

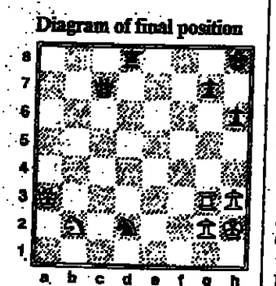
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62	Qe3	Rd8
63	Nb2	Nd2

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Diagram of final position



Yesterday was a free day. The third round will be played today.

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Exposed: how UK came under 'nuclear attack' from meteors

BY NIGEL HAWKES
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■ Declassified data from American military satellites could shed new light on reportings of fireballs and UFOs

AMERICAN military satellites have monitored at least three explosions as big as nuclear blasts in the skies above Britain in the past 20 years.

The explosions were natural events, caused by meteors burning up as they hit the atmosphere. They were among 136 explosions observed by US defence satellites around the world between 1975 and 1992, but kept secret until recently because of fears that they might be misinterpreted and by accident trigger a nuclear war.

All the blasts had an explosive yield of more than 1,000 tonnes of TNT, with some considerably larger. American astronomers believe that the satellites probably miss four explosions for every one they detect, so the total number could be up to 80 a year.

According to this month's issue of *Sky & Telescope*, the explosions were detected by Pentagon satellites in geosynchronous orbit 23,000 miles above the Earth, using infrared detectors designed to detect the hot exhausts of ballistic missiles. This type of radiation cannot be picked up on Earth because it is absorbed by water vapour in the lower atmosphere.

The explosions are bright but brief, lasting no longer than a couple of seconds. Some are undoubtedly seen on the ground, and reported as fireballs, flashing lights or even UFOs, but until recently no systematic record has been kept of such observations.

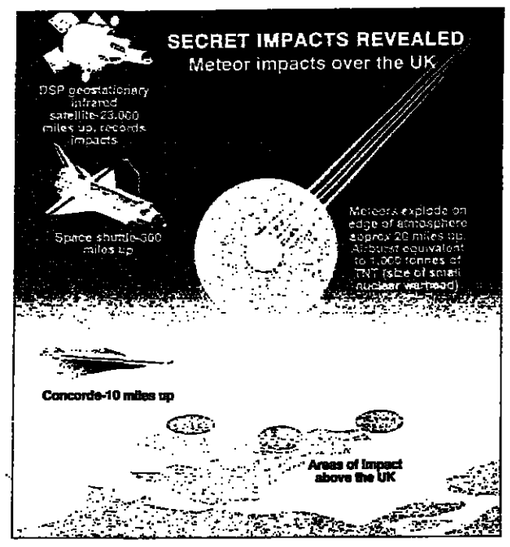
The Ministry of Defence is understood to have been briefed about the nature and frequency of the blasts, and some astronomers may also have known. *Sky & Telescope* says that much of the credit for having the observations declassified is due to Simon Worden, an astronomer who until recently headed a division of the US Ballistic Missile Defence Organisation, responsible for Star Wars.

Mr Worden says that one of the blasts occurred about 20 miles above the Pacific Ocean on October 1, 1990 — a two-kiloton blast during the period of high tension after Iraq had invaded Kuwait. "Had this occurred over Kuwait it would have been a sticky situation," Mr Worden says. "We could tell it was natural, but they could not."

Why, if the blasts are comparatively common, are they so seldom reported? John Mason, president of the British Astronomical Association, says that unexplained flashes and bursts are reported from time to time, sometimes attributed to flying saucers.

Peter Brown, director of the International Meteor Organisation for North America, says that most of the energy emitted in the blasts is in the infra-red part of the spectrum, invisible on Earth. Only recently have attempts been made to collect and correlate fireball reports. In future, he says, his organisation will try to work more closely with military observers to create a more complete record.

The Pentagon figures are of particular interest to astronomers trying to calculate the chances of a large object exploding closer to the Earth with far greater violence, as is now believed to have happened over Siberia in 1908. They suggest that the more apocalyptic scenarios painted by some astronomers may be an exaggeration, but they do not justify complacency.





ROBIN MAYES

Dame Vera Lynn at the launch yesterday of a 50p coin to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day

Fifty years on, Dame Vera finds D-Day gold

BY JOHN YOUNG

DAME Vera Lynn, the singer who became the forces' sweetheart during the Second World War, was presented yesterday with the first of a limited issue of gold 50p coins minted to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the D-day landings.

Dame Vera was at Armoury House, the headquarters of the Honourable Artillery Company in the City of London, for the launch of the coin, which is available from today.

One side bears a portrait of the Queen by Raphael Maklouf and the other a depiction by the sculptor John Mills of the Allied invasion force heading for Normandy by sea and air.

The issue has been restricted to 2,500 gold coins, costing £375 each, and 50,000 silver coins, at £23.95. There is an unlimited number of "brilliant uncirculated" coins, at £1.95. A standard circulated version will be issued in May. Between 10 and 25 per cent of the proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Day appeal.

The coins can be bought direct from the Royal Mint, Freepost, PO Box 500, Cardiff, CF1 1YY (0443 223366).

Britain's drink-drivers exceed a million

BY KEVIN EASON
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HUNDREDS of thousands of Britain's motorists drink-drive regularly and exceed speed limits, a report released yesterday reveals.

Four per cent of motorists interviewed by MORI for this year's Lex Report on Motoring admitted to driving after drinking — the equivalent of more than one million people over the whole motoring population.

Sixty-one per cent of motorists admitted driving too fast on small roads and 47 per cent said they travelled faster than the 70mph limit on motorways. Thirty-three per cent admitted parking illegally, 20 per cent driving without a seat belt and 6 per cent said they had driven intentionally through a red light.

Despite their admissions, motorists still demanded a crackdown on motoring crime — particularly drink-driving.

The scale of law-breaking uncovered for Lex Service, one of the United Kingdom's biggest car retailers, would concern ministers as the statistics suggested that only 16 per cent of traffic offences were punished, the report said.

Two-thirds of the 1,720 motorists in 175 constituencies interviewed across the UK said that cameras, the latest weapon used by police to stop speeding, made no difference to their driving or they simply slowed down until they were past them.

The report said: "Whilst consumers believe that safety is someone else's responsibility, it is apparent that much of the responsibility lies with themselves."

Forty-five per cent said that any driver over the legal limit should go to prison, while 80 per cent of women and 60 per cent of ten want a zero alcohol limit for drivers. A further 59 per cent said that cars should be fitted with devices that would not allow drunks to drive.

Ninety per cent wanted motorway lessons for newly qualified drivers, while 80 per cent thought learners should take a minimum number of lessons and be issued with a certificate of readiness before their driving test.

Motorists also said they would like more safety features in cars. Forty six per cent wanted their next car to have anti-lock brakes, 51 per cent airbags and 41 per cent side-impact bars.

The report found that increasingly safe cars had helped to reduce road deaths to their lowest number since such records began. However, the number of car-related injuries has continued to rise steadily at almost 180,000 a year.

The report shows that 40 per cent of households now have more than one car, and expects a resurgence of car buying because of women's increased financial independence, the demand for greater travel freedom and further economic growth.

Drivers are also travelling further with the average car milage up from about 9,000 miles a year in 1980 to 10,600 last year.

☐ *The 1994 Lex Report on Motoring — the consumer view* (Lex Service Plc: £295)

BRITONS own more cars, drive more miles and feel more unsafe on the roads than at any previous time.

The 150-page Lex Report on Motoring showed that there were 23.9 million cars, covering an average 10,600 miles a year. Six out of the top ten concerns listed by drivers were aspects of car security.

Forty-six per cent of respondents said that their biggest worry was having their cars stolen or broken into. Having the car vandalised (41 per cent), having a car accident (32 per cent), breaking down on the motorway (31 per cent), being attacked or robbed in the car (25 per cent) and driving alone at night (18 per cent) all figured in the top ten.

Security was the most important feature in a car, listed by 41 per cent of drivers, with safety next at 37 per cent. Only 6 per cent of drivers said speed was most important.

School chiefs hire experts to end inner-city lottery

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

AN INDEPENDENT education commission was launched yesterday to raise standards at schools in a local authority rooted to the bottom of national examination league tables.

Southwark council in southeast London appointed three outside experts to explore ways of encouraging pupils to work harder and secure greater parental involvement. The initiative is the latest attempt by local authorities to increase achievement in city schools. It follows a critical report by inspectors in November that said state education was a lottery in urban areas.

Southwark finished third last out of 108 English authorities ranked according to pupils' GCSE results last summer — a slight improvement on 1992 when it came last. Just 18.2 per cent of pupils secured five GCSEs at grades A to C, less than half the national average. One in eight pupils gained no qualifications.

The Labour council is concerned that recent education reforms shifting power from authorities to individual schools, including local management and opting out, will fail unless parents in the inner city exercise their rights as consumers.

John McTernan, Labour chairman of the council's education committee, said the commission's establishment marked a break from a "Labourist past". The council accepted that it no longer ran schools and needed to find a new role, monitoring the quality of education and making schools accountable to parents and employers.

The seven-strong commission is expected to be led by Sir Peter Newsam, director of the London Institute of Education. Members include Kathryn Riley, director of the centre for educational management at the Roehampton Institute, Michael Hastings, an education journalist, three Labour councillors including Mr McTernan and a Liberal Democrat.

Their work is expected to last three months and cost £34,000. Parents, employers, governors, community groups and teachers will be invited to give evidence at public meetings.

☐ The Government had spent more than £500 million on the national curriculum before accepting the need for radical changes, Labour disclosed yesterday. Ann Taylor, the party's education spokeswoman, who was given the figures in Parliamentary answers, said ministers had presided over an expensive fiasco despite being warned of the curriculum's shortcomings.

Tolls 'will divert jams on to trunk roads'

BY OUR MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

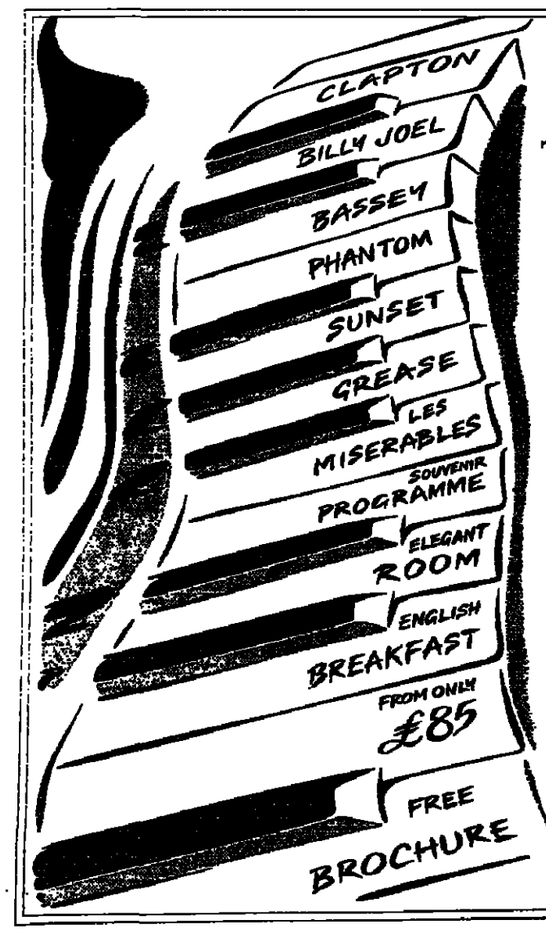
DRIVERS deterred by motorway charges may switch to already congested main roads for short journeys. The Lex Report signalled that John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, will face huge opposition to plans for charges, aimed at cutting congestion and raising money.

Fifty-eight per cent of drivers were against motorway tolls for journeys of 20 miles and 37 per cent were against paying for longer journeys up to 200 miles.

Lex commissioned the Henley Centre for Forecasting to predict the effect of different charges. It found that even a small toll would drive thousands of people off motorways. The data predicted that a charge of 1.25p per mile would result in a reduction of 37 per cent in vehicle miles on motorways while raising £228 million for the Treasury.

At 2.5p, motorway milage would fall by half but raise £357 million. A 25p charge per mile would leave motorways virtually deserted. Lex predicted that tolls would transform motorways, with delay-free journeys for wealthy drivers and those whose companies paid charges.





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Customers pay the price for shops' £2bn loss to crime

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CRIME is costing Britain's shopkeepers £2 billion a year, according to a survey published yesterday. In 12 months 14,000 staff were assaulted and 106,000 threatened.

The survey of 54,000 companies, organised by the British Retail Consortium, which represents 90 per cent of traders, is the first of its kind and suggests profits would be 23 per cent higher but for the effects of crime.

Launching the survey, Keith Ackroyd, chairman of the consortium, said: "Crime is one of the most serious and costly problems faced by the retail industry in terms of direct losses of product; cost of preventive measures and, most worryingly, in the increase of violence and injury to staff. Ultimately it is the consumer and society at large that bears these costs."

The survey was based on returns for the 1992-93 financial year. John Burrow, director of the BRC crime initiative, said the £2 billion losses included £560 million in known losses from criminal activity, £1 billion from other losses attributed to crime and £370 million in crime prevention or security costs. External crime — by customers, burglary or arson — accounted for 54 per cent, while 27 per cent was committed by staff.

Losses from theft by staff — at £554 million — were higher than from shoplifters — £516 million. Shops arrested 1.2 million customers and 28,000 staff.

The number of criminal incidents totalled 2.1 million, of which 1.5 million, or 65 per cent, were shoplifting offences. A further 179,000 were cases of burglary and 31,000 were thefts by staff.

The survey suggests that every shop in the country can expect six criminal incidents a year. Grocery shops are at highest risk from burglary, off-licences from robbery and chemists from criminal damage.

There were 7,098 cases of terrorism which cost £52 million, including lost trading and damage. Retailers dealt with 37 per cent of customers and 44 per cent of staff without resorting to police, warning or excluding 450,000 customers. This compared with 518,000 criminals — 116,000 of them shoplifters — handled by the courts in England and Wales in 1991.

Russian Finance Minister joins radicals' exodus

FROM ANNE MCELVOY AND ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

■ Business confidence in Moscow is being shattered by political realignments at the expense of reformists. The rouble is down 21 per cent against the dollar this month

THE reformist credentials of the new Russian government were in doubt last night after Boris Fyodorov, the Finance Minister, followed Yegor Gaidar, the former Economics Minister, into the political wilderness, saying that he would not be joining the new Cabinet.

Mr Fyodorov, who has been a robust supporter of fiscal stabilisation, had specified the removal of two conservatives, Viktor Gerashchenko, the chairman of the Central Bank, and Aleksandr Zaveryukha, the Deputy Prime Minister, as conditions for staying on. But Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, who has the backing of President Yeltsin, has made it clear that he envisages a Cabinet which includes more cautious reformers and that he wants to choose Mr Zaveryukha, who has the support of the neo-communist Agrarian Party, as an olive branch to hardliners in parliament.

Mr Chernomyrdin held six hours of talks with the Russian leader yesterday on the final make-up of the Cabinet but its announcement has been delayed until today.

Reflecting the nervousness of Russian businessmen at the threat to reform, the rouble yesterday continued its rapid drop, sinking from around 1,249 to the dollar a week ago to a record low of 1,504 (1,009 to the pound) on the Moscow Interbank Exchange. It fell 7.3 per cent in a single day, and since the beginning of the month has dropped 21 per cent. Russians thronged banks and exchange kiosks yesterday in a rush to buy dollars and sell their increasingly worthless roubles. One bank stopped selling dollars, and others restricted sales for fear of a run on the rouble that could wreck the frail economy and deplete foreign currency reserves. The Central Bank, which poured $300 million (£201 million) into the market to support the rouble last week, yesterday sold a further $23 million.

Aleksandr Shokin, Russia's chief debt negotiator, said yesterday that he had been offered a choice of Mr Gaidar's former job or the portfolio for relations with other republics of the Commonwealth of Independent States. He is a moderate reformer and member of the Party of Unity and Accord led by Sergei Shakhrai. Mr Shokin is well regarded by Western officials and bankers with whom he has negotiated over Russia's debt.

The sensitive question of the extension of the Russian rouble to other republics means that this ministry also has an important economic role. In recent days, Russian and Western economists have been highly critical of the decision to readmit Belorussia to the rouble zone, arguing that this would fuel inflation in Russia.

The sudden exits from the government of Mr Gaidar, Mr Fyodorov and Ella Pamfilova, the Social Security Minister, have caused a mood of conflict in the Yeltsin camp. Russia's Choice, the main democratic bloc whose poor electoral showing under Mr Gaidar's leadership precipitated the crisis, has supported the decision of liberal ministers to go, a development which fuelled rumours that reformist deputies intended to use the movement as a rallying point for outright resistance to Mr Yeltsin's change of priorities.

But Mr Fyodorov, apparently keen to avoid involvement in the democrats' internal feud, announced last night that he was leaving Russia's Choice to join a broad liberal alliance in the Duma.

Sergei Baburin, a nationalist hardliner and one of Mr Yeltsin's staunchest opponents in parliament, said yesterday he believed that communists and other opposition parties would now co-operate with Mr Chernomyrdin and boasted that the opponents of radical reform would now "take under their patronage Mr Chernomyrdin and his government".

There is also considerable bitterness among the democrats about Mr Yeltsin's alleged betrayal of the radicals. Other Russia's Choice members fear, however, that without an alliance with Mr Yeltsin they might lose not just their ability to play a part in government but even their hopes of political survival.

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Moscow: Andrei Kozyrev, above, the Russian Foreign Minister, said yesterday that Russian troops should remain in the former Soviet republics indefinitely to prevent "forces hostile to Russia" from filling a "security vacuum" there.

The statement will cause particular alarm in the Baltic countries of Latvia and Estonia, where between 15,000 and 18,000 Russian troops are still stationed. Moscow had promised to end its military presence by the end of this year.



Muscovites queuing in the snow at a mobile bank yesterday to exchange their roubles for dollars after the Russian currency hit a record new low

British troop pullout high on the agenda for Hurd's Bosnia visit

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE IN GENEVA

DOUGLAS Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, is to fly to Bosnia on Friday for talks with British military commanders on whether British troops should be pulled out of the country within the next few months.

Mr Hurd's visit will be the clearest indication yet that the British Government has lost patience with the bickering Bosnian factions, and believes that, unless they allow unobstructed passage of aid convoys, the United Nations forces have no useful role to play. Mr Hurd has several times said that Britain would withdraw its troops by spring if there was no political settlement. He has even suggested in recent weeks that the UN forces were interfering with the dynamics of the war and may be prolonging the conflict.

The Government's pessimism about hopes for peace appeared to be justified yesterday as the first Geneva talks of the year opened with bitter recriminations from all sides, indicating that Bosnia's warlords were flexing their muscles for a spring offensive. "There is no particular reason for optimism," said a spokesman for Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the European Union and United Nations negotiators.

Nato leaders last week discussed using air strikes to force Serbs to open Tuzla airport and to allow 180 Canadian troops to be replaced by Dutch soldiers in Srebrenica. However, some diplomats suggested that the feared surge in fighting might be the last of the war and Western sources fear that Nato raids could provoke the Bosnian Serbs and Croats to unite against the government and prolong the conflict. Muhamed Sacirbey, Bosnia's envoy to the UN, yesterday reacted bitterly to what he described as the West's lack of commitment "to live up to promises made a week ago".

The Muslim-led government, whose forces have made strong gains in the past few months, have been bolstered by support from Foreign Ministers representing the 51-member Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO). Ministers called for air strikes against Serbs besieging Muslim enclaves after meeting Bosnian leaders in Geneva on Monday and also renewed calls for the lifting of the arms embargo and made veiled threats of economic action against Western countries seen to be blocking the peace process.

The Bosnian government has also been heartened by a declaration of support from Croats in Posavina, in northern Bosnia, who oppose the hardline Bosnian Croat HVO forces, widely seen as sponsored by President Tudjman of Croatia. Croats fought with Muslims against Serbs in Bosnia until late last spring when they turned against their former allies. The Posavina Croats yesterday called for an end to fighting between the HVO and Bosnian government and for the "Serbian aggressor" to withdraw from the territory.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lenin brain 'nothing sensational'

Moscow: Russian scientists, lifting a veil on 70 years of secret research on Lenin's brain, have exploded another Communist myth by revealing that it was much like anyone else's. "In the anatomical structure of Lenin's brain there is nothing sensational," said Oleg Adrianov, director of the Moscow Brain Institute, that has been trying to find the secret of his skills. *(Reuter)*

Zhivkov jailed



Sofia: Todor Zhivkov, Bulgaria's former Communist dictator, is to go to jail for seven years for embezzlement of the equivalent of £16 million after the Supreme Court rejected his appeal. *(Reuter)*

Inmates riot

San Salvador: More than 300 prisoners rioted, took over their prison to demand better living conditions, and threatened a mass breakout, jail authorities in El Salvador said. *(AP)*

Wings clipped

Tokyo: Japan Airlines, privatised in 1987, is the latest blue-chip firm here to announce staff cuts, by 5,000 to about 17,000 by March 1998, to counter losses as the economic downturn worsens.

Girl taxi killer

West Palm Beach, Florida: A 13-year-old girl shot dead Yves Quettant, 39, a taxi driver, in the back of the head to avoid paying a $6 (£4) fare. Police said she had shown no remorse over the killing. *(AP)*

Dogs' dinner

Buenos Aires: A road leading to Argentina's Atlantic-coast beaches was blocked for four hours by packs of dogs guzzling hamburgers that had spilt from an overturned lorry. *(Reuter)*

Spy who never came in from the cold

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

Yevgeni Ivanov, the former Soviet spy and one of the principal players in the Profumo scandal in 1963 who has been found dead in his Moscow flat, remained paranoid about being followed and watched.

On the rare occasions he met visitors from the West in Moscow, he behaved as if he was in fear of his life, arranging meetings like a character out of a James Bond novel. He never forgot his espionage craft.

Captain Ivanov, 68, descended from a legendary Russian field marshal who helped to defeat Napoleon in 1812, found to his dismay that his involvement in the Profumo affair appeared to taint the rest of his career. His political enemies prevented him from climbing higher in the military intelligence world.

His premature death after years of heavy vodka drinking removes from the Profumo script the second leading character. Stephen Ward, the society osteopath who pulled many of the strings that linked Ivanov, known as Eugene, with Christine Keeler, the *femme fatale*, and John Profumo, the War Minister, committed suicide after the scandal broke.

Ivanov had been suffering from ill health for many years. He was wont to drown his sorrows in vodka, drinking a bottle in an evening as if it were wine. The former officer in the GRU, the Russian military intelligence section, lived in comparative comfort but found it difficult to come to terms with an ordinary life.

He had reason to fear the wrath of his former employers. For years he had tried to write his memoirs, but the spirit of glasnost never embraced the intelligence world. The men in long coats kept an eye and an ear on his biographical ambitions.

A cameo of his life in Moscow in recent years was provided yesterday by John Blake, a former journalist whose small publishing company in London published Ivanov's memoirs, *The Naked Spy*, in 1992. Mr Blake visited him in Moscow in January 1992. He said: "I wasn't allowed to meet him at his apartment. He came to my hotel and picked me up in a huge Russian car. He was everything you would expect of a spy. He told me he had put concrete slabs in the boot because, if he had to make a quick getaway, he would get better traction (a ploy well favoured by old-style KGB and GRU agents)."

Driving the car like a man pursued, he sped across a children's playground and skidded down a road covered in ice and snow at 70 mph. "He was convinced he was being followed," Mr Blake said.

After the publication of his book, in which he disclosed his side of an espionage and sex scandal that nearly brought down the Macmillan government, he agreed to come to Britain in April this year to appear in a television programme with Miss Keeler to coincide with the paperback version of his story.

He once referred to Miss Keeler, whose sexual liaison with the Russian and the former War Minister raised grave fears about national security, as a spoilt but enchanting temptress. His masters in Moscow had planned to use the double-handed liaison to blackmail Mr Profumo, but the plot never got off the ground, once the Keeler link became public.

Ivanov and Miss Keeler, who lives in south London, became friends again in recent years. She visited him in Moscow last year. Miss Keeler declined to comment yesterday but, according to Mr Blake, she was not devastated by his death.

Ivanov had also retained his love for female company. "I was never quite sure whether I was meeting his girl friend or wife," Mr Blake said. Ivanov lived for the past, but as his health deteriorated he seemed to develop a need to repent for his years of deceit and disinformation. As he wrote in his book: "The time for awakening has come. Maybe the time has finally come to repent and tell the truth."

Since his retirement from the intelligence world, he had been "shunted into the sidelines". Mr Blake said. And always he had the fear that one day he might be "bumped off". But vodka appears to have been his ultimate downfall.



Yevgeni Ivanov and Christine Keeler, at the time of the Profumo scandal that almost brought down the Macmillan Government

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Italian old guard pins its fortunes to change of name

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

WITH dubious optimism, the leaders of the Christian Democrat Party yesterday renamed it the Italian Popular Party (PPI).

Rosa Russo Jervolino, the former party's chairman, and Mino Martinazzoli, the party secretary, attended a brief ceremony in Rome that laid to rest the force that dominated Italian political life until the "Clean Hands" corruption scandal began to sweep away its old mandarins nearly two years ago. Parliamentary leaders and 25 regional representatives attended at the Don Luigi Sturzo Institute, named after the priest who founded the old Italian Popular Party, forerunner of the Christian Democrats, 75 years ago.

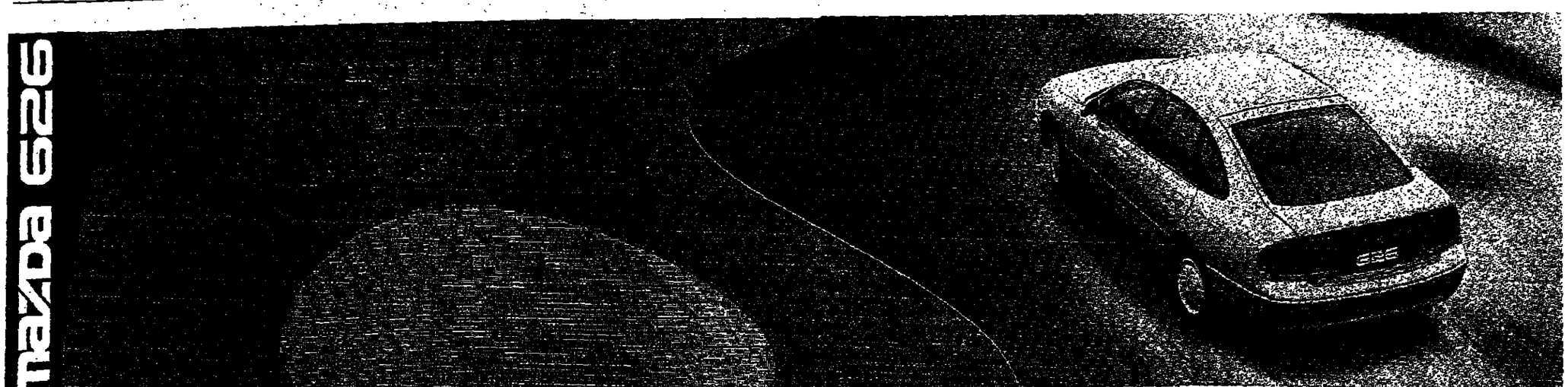
Few former Christian Democrat MPs are likely to stand for re-election, since many are under investigation on suspicion of bribery or links to organised crime. Few will face poverty in unemployment, thanks to generous severance payments and pensions.

Arnaldo Forlani, the former Christian Democrat Prime Minister under investigation for alleged illegal party funding, will receive 439 million lire (about £180,000). Francesco De Lorenzo, the former Health Minister under investigation for alleged massive corruption in the health service, will receive 134 million lire. Giulio Andreotti, the Christian Democrat elder statesman under investigation for allegedly being the Mafia's "guarantor" in Rome during seven terms as Prime Minister, is not eligible since, as a life senator, he will not leave parliament.

At the renaming ceremony Signora Jervolino said of the PPI: "We are a green, very young party, but with great capacity for growth thanks to our roots in 75 years of history. Our driving ideas are those of popularism, the basis of a programme built on freedom and justice."

An opinion poll for the Diakron research group predicted that the party will muster only 8.9 per cent of the vote in the March 27 general election, compared with the 29 per cent the Christian Democrats managed in 1992.

Signor Martinazzoli said the party would have a special relationship with Mario Segni, the former Christian Democrat MP who organised the electoral reform referendum last April. Signor Segni has founded a new group, the National Pact, and opinion polls give the Popular Party and the National Pact between 19 and 24 per cent of the vote.



Problems of South African townships 'out of control'

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN PRETORIA

■ Nelson Mandela says he may not be the best choice for state President. Whoever is in office will have the widespread despair of the East Rand "war zone" high on the agenda

TOWNSHIPS east of Johannesburg are running out of control, according to a report to South Africa's Transitional Executive Council. Members of the council were told: "The overwhelming impression is that all sides are despairing of the idea that there can be any kind of a solution in the future."

Mac Maharaj, a senior member of the African National Congress who is now joint secretary of the council, added: "That despair is also with the security forces."

After hearing Mr Maharaj's report, the council, set up to level the political playing field before the country's first non-racial general election in April, decided to take the lead in trying to bring peace to the area.

The townships in question are Katlehong and Thokoza and include part of the nearby town of Vosloorus and the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand. They are part of the huge network of black dormitories that supply labour to Johannesburg.

More than 2,000 people have been killed in the area in the past 12 months in a vicious battle for territory between occupants of the single-men's migrant hostels, who support the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party, and residents, mainly ANC supporters.

Mr Maharaj and Fanie van der Merwe, his fellow joint secretary, who is a member of the ruling National Party, formed a subcommittee of the council to visit the area and make recommendations. Mr Maharaj described the area near Schoemann Street and Khumalo Street as marking an ill-defined border between an Inkatha area and an ANC area. Any stranger entering the Inkatha area was tested by anyone who apprehended him to find if he supported the party. "If he fails this test, the chances that he survives are slim," he said. The opposite applied on the other side of the border.

The entire area, Mr Maharaj said, was in a desperate condition. The houses were deserted and cars abandoned. The situation was so bad that not even the tyres of those vehicles had been stolen because people were afraid to enter the area. "It is a completely dead zone."

The council was told that a second area, close to the Kwesine complex of hostels, where a press photographer accompanying a high-level ANC delegation was killed a week ago, was "a war zone". Another hostel had recently engaged South African Defence Force troops in a three-hour gun battle. "That hostel is still standing, and has never been occupied by the security forces," Mr Maharaj said.

There is a huge health problem in the area because no rubbish is collected and sanitation works have broken down. There are pools of stagnant water along the railway line, which has been destroyed by people anxious that hostel dwellers should not travel through the rest of the township.

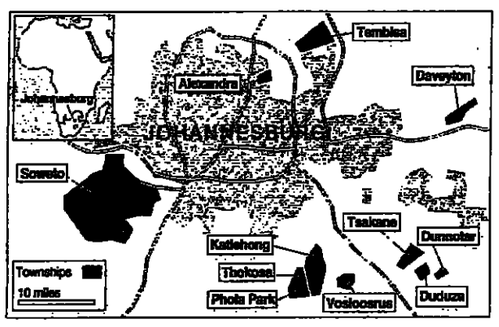
Endorsing the decision to try to establish an umbrella organisation to take over responsibility for administering the area from the different local authorities and government bodies presently responsible for it, Cyril Ramaphosa, the general secretary of the ANC, firmly blamed the government for the situation. He said the report was "one of the most serious indictments of this government".

Rejecting exclusive blame, Roelf Meyer, the Minister for Constitutional Development, said that perhaps everyone represented on the transitional council was to blame. "The political conflict in the area plays a major role," he said.

The council decided not to produce its own proposals for the region but to co-ordinate plans being evolved by peace bodies, at talks between the government and the parties, and by local authorities.

After having lunch here with Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, said yesterday that he might not become South Africa's President after the elections. The President might even come from a party not in the ANC alliance, he told reporters, adding: "It may be of national interest to have a President outside the ANC."

☐ **Johannesburg:** Nine members of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement have been charged with the murders of four blacks and the wounding of three others in an attack on December 12. They also face related charges. One of the victims of the attack, on the road between Krugersdorp and Ventersdorp, had his ears cut off. *(Reuter)*



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A Zapatista National Liberation Army guerrilla in the jungle near the Guatemalan border. Peace negotiations with the Mexican government are under way

Wary Mexican rebels enter talks

REBELS who launched a new year uprising in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas have stopped fighting to give peace talks a chance, but accused the government of violating its ceasefire and warned that they would resume their offensive if it was not sincere in the negotiations. "In the next few days, we will give orders to all of our forces, active and reserve, to attack all the cities in their reach if the federal government does not show that its disposition towards dialogue is not more than words of trickery," said a rebel communiqué. Manuel Camacho Solís, the government-appointed mediator, said on Monday that he was optimistic after the Zapatista National Liberation Army responded to calls for negotiations to end the rebellion. "Things are moving along. The road of concord and conciliation is the right road as the results show," he said. *(AP)*

Golan settlers fight on after ballot pledge

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN QAZRIN, GOLAN HEIGHTS

JEWISH residents of this remote Zionist outpost on the Golan Heights yesterday celebrated the first victory in the battle to save their communities from extinction.

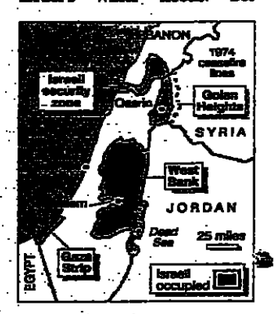
After years of campaigning to expand and preserve the 32 settlements on the Golan, leaders of the 13,000-strong community hailed the government's promise to hold a nationwide plebiscite before relinquishing any of the strategic heights to Syria. Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, yesterday confirmed that the entire nation would have to decide the fate of the 10 miles by 50 miles volcanic mountain ridge, which Syria wants returned in exchange for peace.

"If and when we come to a draft of a peace treaty between Syria and Israel — and it demands a painful price, perhaps beyond what the residents of Israel expect — in my opinion it will have to brought to a referendum," said Mr Rabin, who, as army Chief of Staff, was responsible for capturing the Golan during the 1967 Six-Day War.

Sammy Bar-Lev, the council leader for the biggest Jewish community at Qazrin, described the offer as a vindication of his campaign to keep the Golan at any cost. "This is a major victory for our stance," he said. "It was achieved through the determined resistance we have shown and through the support of the public in general, the vast majority of whom want to retain Israeli sovereignty over the Golan."

However, most residents conceded that the latest fight for the battle-scarred Golan, where Romans and Jews, Crusaders and Saracens, and Israelis and Syrians have each left their mark on the desolate landscape, has probably only just begun. The settlers are planning to embark on a campaign for the hearts and minds of their countrymen, to persuade them that, whatever promises Damascus makes for peace, the Golan is still too valuable and strategic to relinquish to the Jewish state's most formidable enemy. "I watched [President] Assad on television the other night, there was nothing new in what he said, we all know that his real ambition is to create a Greater Syria, including Lebanon, Jordan and Israel," said Daniella Shaul, who came to the Golan 11 years ago.

For many Israelis the settlers can put forward a convincing case. The heights dominate Israel's Upper Galilee region and could provide a perfect launching pad for invading the Jewish state, as Syria attempted to do in 1973. The area also has a historical connection with Judaism, since it was settled for centuries by Jews until the Romans destroyed the communities in AD 47. The the Golan also provides nearly a third of Israel's water needs. Set against this, however, is the realisation in Israel that it can only have real peace with Syria if the Golan is handed back. Syria is also the key to an Arab-Israeli settlement, because without Damascus' approval there will never be peace with Lebanon, Jordan or the bulk of the other Arab countries, particularly the Gulf states.



The settlers have displayed extraordinary determination to expand their community, even with the growing threat of an Israeli withdrawal, increasing their vineyards and building 700 new homes.

Galit Milel, 27, a post office worker who moved into a bungalow last month, said that Qazrin was one of the few places in the country in which she and her husband could afford to buy their own home. "If the government decides we have to leave for peace with Syria then I would go, but it would have to be real peace," she said.

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China accuses Patten of playing games to perpetuate British role

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

CHRIS Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, arrives in London this morning for a six-day visit dominated by a single question: will his efforts to introduce democracy to the colony simply be reversed by Peking when it regains its "stolen property"?

For Britain, Hong Kong is a "territory". According to Mr Patten, it is "the prism" through which the entire history of British colonialism will be viewed.

But to China it is a colony ripped away from the motherland. And Britain, the "two-headed snake" with whom China thought it had done a deal about the nature of the 1997 handover, has put Hong Kong in the hands of a man seen by Peking as a "liar" and "whore".

The old men in Peking had been looking forward to liberating Hong Kong and the 89-year-old Deng Xiaoping has said he would hang on for the great day. Now Mr Patten has spoilt the dream.

Each side believes it knows what is best; yet neither has asked Hong Kong's people what they want. There is an easy way to find out: a referendum. But Peking condemns that as an infringement of its sovereignty, and Britain says the questions would be too hard to formulate.

The real question — do you want to be handed back to China? — cannot be asked. Yet from that flows everything else: the Patten proposals for a wider franchise and a more representative Legislative Council.

A referendum might also show that people here fear China. It might show that, despite their support for the Patten plan in late 1992, they do not want more democracy right now, only prosperity and no heavy pressure from Peking. Mr Patten said before leaving for London that, despite Peking's threats to dismantle his model of government on July 1, 1997, the handover date, "it isn't a very persuasive argument to say that, if China chooses to or says it will break all the windows after 1997, that we should break them in 1994 and 1995".

One commentator here said yesterday: "What the Governor is doing is putting stronger tape on the windows." She meant that, by installing a measure of what he calls "emaciated democracy", strengthening the anti-corruption laws, courts and police as well as legislation governing the freedom of the media, Britain is building for Hong Kong a framework that China would not dare break down.

Mr Patten often says he cannot believe that Peking would disestablish what had legally come into being. This begs the question: Peking sees Hong Kong as stolen property, and thinks Mr Patten is breaking all past bilateral agreements. Peking is increasing the power of its tiers of Hong Kong advisers, and of its "preliminary working committee", most of whose members are "loyal and patriotic" citizens of Hong Kong. The Chinese also advise Hong Kong officials to come to Peking to deal with these bodies on such matters as the controversial airport.

Mr Patten accuses the advisers and the committee of being Chinese poodles. He also never misses a chance to mention Hong Kong's stability, the rule of law, relative lack of corruption and comparatively free media, with a heavy implication that none of these exists across the border.

Peking sneers at all this: where was British democracy before Mr Patten, the Chinese ask. Until recently the Legislative Council was wholly appointed, and the press, films, and politics were hobbled by colonial restrictions. What is happening now, say the Chinese, is the old story: as Britain leaves a colony, it disturbs it sufficiently to retain influence.

This is not one country, two systems, moving towards what Mr Patten's predecessor, Sir David Wilson, called "convergence". It is two schools of history and two lines of argument which cannot be reconciled.

Hong Kong: Xu Jiatun, China's former envoy to the colony, who defected to America after the Tiananmen Square massacre of pro-democracy protesters in 1989, said he feared a crisis after the breakdown of Sino-British talks. In a BBC interview, Mr Xu said there could be trouble as British rule came to an end in 1997. "If the Sino-British negotiations are not resumed, then the crisis has already begun." *(Reuter)*



Burma hints at Nobel laureate release

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BANGKOK

AUNG San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader under house arrest in Rangoon for four and a half years, may soon be permitted high-ranking foreign visitors, possibly part of a process leading to her release by Burma's military leaders, well-informed diplomatic sources said yesterday.

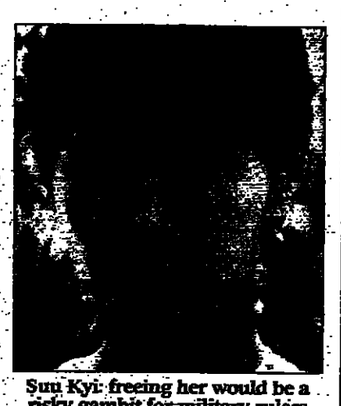
At present she is allowed to see only her British husband, Michael Aris, and her two sons, for occasional visits.

A Western diplomat said: "Certain hints have been dropped that United Nations representatives and foreign legislators may be allowed to visit her, and the military chiefs seem to believe this would diminish the impact if she were to walk free on July 20, when her five-year period of house arrest ends."

Diplomats were responding to reports from Rangoon that Lieutenant General Khin Nyunt, first secretary of Burma's ruthless State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slorc), told Japanese journalists on Monday that the 49-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate may be freed when her current period of house arrest ends.

"The army chiefs . . . perhaps feel that Daw Suu Kyi, if released, would not be able to do much inside Burma, given the effectiveness of Slorc's grip and the terror it inspires," an envoy said.

But analysts believe that releasing Daw Suu Kyi, whose National League for Democracy easily won the 1990 elections annulled by Slorc, could be a risky gambit for Burma's rulers and that there might still be opposition from powerful figures within the regime.



Suu Kyi: freeing her would be a risky gambit for military rulers

Thousands camp out while emergency crews try to get Los Angeles working

Citizens doomed to months of chaos as quake toll rises

FROM GILES WHITTELL AND BEN MACINTYRE IN LOS ANGELES

BY DAWN yesterday the death toll in the worst earthquake disaster in the history of Los Angeles had risen to 34, and exhausted hospital staff were coping with "a tidal wave of walking wounded" from the disaster on Monday.

Thousands of families left homeless by fire and structural damage were waking up in Red Cross shelters and makeshift encampments on football fields. Half a million people were still without electricity, hundreds of thousands more lacked gas and water, and the entire metropolis faced at least six months of traffic chaos as mangled sections of the motorway system, on which it is uniquely dependent, are repaired.

Heavily armed National Guardsmen patrolled the San Fernando Valley helping police to enforce a dusk-to-dawn curfew declared on Monday evening to prevent repetition of the looting which shamed the city in the 1992 riots. Forty arrests were made, some for looting, but the prevailing mood was one of shock mixed with camaraderie and determination to get the city back on its feet.

Emergency fire, gas and road-building crews worked round the clock. The Los Angeles fire departments deployed 52 strike teams, including 2,000 firefighters brought in from the rest of California, to continue searching through rubble for survivors. Teams from Caltrans, the state road transport authority, spent the night shoring up collapsed sections of the Santa Monica Freeway, the city's busiest, with massive timber props.

There was an eerie calm over the city. All schools were closed for the day, businesses were advised to stay closed if they could afford to, and most non-emergency service public employees were given the day off.

The aftershocks which rattled buildings and nerves throughout Monday continued through the night. Dr Kate Hutton, of Caltech, said there had been more than 100 aftershocks measuring more than three on the Richter scale, and a dozen stronger than four, with a 50 per cent chance of another shock registering five or more in the next few weeks.

After a day of frantic searching and analysis, seismologists eventually pinpointed the little-known Oakridge Fault as responsible. Part of a complex fault system deep below the Los Angeles Basin, the Oakridge and neighbouring faults lack the power of the San Andreas Fault, usually associated with rumours of "The Big One", but it still raised the entire San Gabriel mountain range by two feet in 10 seconds.

Unlike the rolling earth tremors which are a part of daily life in Southern California, this was a violent upward thrust which made instant debris of sub-standard or ageing buildings.

Royal support

THE Queen has sent a message of sympathy to families of the victims of the earthquake. Only about 200 British tourists are thought to be in the area. Shockwaves from the quake were picked up on seismometers in Britain 12 minutes after it hit Los Angeles. The troubled Lloyd's of London insurance market does not expect the repair bill to pose a serious problem.

President Clinton's declaration of a federal state of emergency should make available low-interest loans and some cash grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for victims who are not insured. Thousands whose homes have been condemned will be found motel-type accommodation by the Red Cross while the management agency sets up disaster application centres to handle individual cases.

As the extent of the devastation began to sink in yesterday, many Angelenos were just happy to be alive. Salvador Pena, an immigrant worker who had been driving a cleaning machine at the bottom of a three-tier car park in the Northridge fashion centre, was trapped for hours under a mountain of rubble with two broken legs and a dislocated spine. Firefighters drilled their way to the rescue with jack-hammers and lifted concrete beams off Mr Pena's body with giant air bags.

One of them was able to answer Mr Pena's screams, and pray with him in Spanish. By nightfall, his condition, in the hospital to which he had been taken by helicopter, was serious but stable.

In a nearby two-storey apartment building, a 20-year-old mother holding her five-month-old daughter fell through her floor to the storey below. Both survived unscathed.

Wendy Gonzales, 37, was in the process of giving birth when the earthquake struck. "Everything started shaking," said her husband, Eddie, afterwards. "Things started falling. I heard a lot of rattling and a lot of screaming." Courtney Gonzales, 7lb 6½oz, was born at 4.45am.

The Northridge Meadows apartment complex, which boasted "luxury resort living" in the northern San Fernando Valley, was at the epicentre of the earthquake. Its 164 apartments, modest dwellings which were home to families, students and the elderly, were reduced to a mess of concrete and glass, as the top two floors obliterated the lower level, crushing at least 15 people to death inside.

Twenty-four hours later rescue teams with sniffer dogs were still frantically combing the rubble in search of survivors and further bodies. "I don't think there's anyone left alive under there," said Jon Dimian, surveying the wreckage of his home from behind taped police barriers.

Like most residents, Mr Dimian, 32, had been asleep when the earthquake hit "like an explosion" and he was hurled from his bed. "It was as though someone had grabbed the room and just shook it." He scrambled to the balcony, by then eight feet closer to the ground, and jumped down.

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A huge fireball lights up shattered streets in Los Angeles after a leak from gas pipelines caused by the earthquake, which rocked the San Fernando Valley as the city slept. The area has been shaken by persistent aftershocks



A Los Angeles fireman comforting a woman whose husband and son, 14, were killed when their apartment block collapsed. Thousands have been left homeless

Night rave on Sunset Boulevard

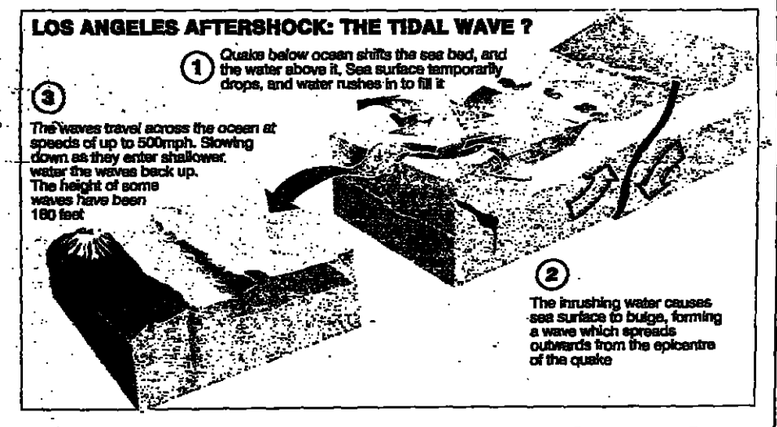
BY GILES WHITTELL

GOVERNOR Peter Wilson was talking to the press against a background of the collapsed Santa Monica Freeway, all ten lanes of which crashed within a few feet of Fairfax Boulevard during Monday's quake.

Residents of the predominantly black neighbourhood looked on amused. "The only time white people come here is when something bad happens," said Mike Morris, 24, a self-styled "African-American yuppie". On a day of endless high-octane sound bites, he won the gold medal for brevity, describing the earthquake as "awakening".

There were the beginnings of a rave at the Red Cross shelter set up in the basketball court of Hollywood High School on one of Sunset Boulevard's sleazier blocks. Families, heeding advice not to spend the night at home, arrived for supper with blankets and portable hi-fi systems. Scores of the permanently homeless heard about the daily three free meals on offer by the Red Cross and joined the queue, glad of company and other stimulants.

"I've been walking around since five this morning and I couldn't get a joint," explained Darryl Vessels, a former law student, pleased that he had found one at last.



Japanese still wait in fear for Pacific's big wave to strike

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Los Angeles earthquake sent a shiver down Japanese spines. Many stayed up all night glued to their televisions as networks ran footage of the California quake.

Tokyo has been waiting for a big quake for years, and the fact that in Los Angeles it came without warning made the event particularly alarming to the Japanese, who lie at the junction of two tectonic plates and are rocked every year by a tenth of the world's big earthquakes.

Many feared that the California quake would trigger a tsunami that would cross the Pacific like a wall of water and submerge them. This was never likely, as the epicentre was on land rather than in the ocean, but the same may not be true of the aftershocks. Japanese fear a tsunami — commonly called a tidal wave — almost more than they fear the quakes, and with reason.

In July last year almost 300 people died after an earthquake sent a tsunami over Okushiri Island in the Sea of Japan. The death toll was the worst since an earthquake in distant Chile in 1960 sent a tsunami racing across the Pacific, killing 142.

A tsunami occurs when the earthquake is beneath the ocean bed and the focus of the quake close to the surface. The movements of the sea bed can then start a wave which travels at speeds of up to 500 mph. In the ocean the wave is barely perceptible, but as it reaches shallower water it increases in height.

Tsunami early-warning systems exist in the Pacific, but forecasting earthquakes remains elusive. "We have been striving to improve our prediction ability," said Shigeo Mori, of the Japanese meteorological agency. "But this Los Angeles earthquake has certainly prompted us to think more about the need for sophisticated prediction technology."

Clinton's choice rejects top defence job

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ Admiral Bobby Ray Inman's decision is yet another setback for the President in his efforts to improve relations with the military establishment

ADMIRAL Bobby Ray Inman yesterday withdrew as Bill Clinton's nominee for Defence Secretary, in an announcement that took the White House by surprise and leaves the President having to search again for a successor to Les Aspin.

In a remarkably bitter statement, Admiral Inman blamed his decision on a "the rush-to-judgment distortions of my record, my character, and my reputation", amid intense criticism of his business dealings as a defence contractor and his failure to pay social security taxes for a domestic employee. The 63-year-old retired admiral undiplomatically praised Mr Clinton's "clear understanding of what has not gone well in the national security arena in the first year of your presidency".

Admiral Inman, whose nomination was announced last month, withdrew a week before the start of the confirmation hearings. Mr Clinton said he was saddened by the decision, which he accepted with regret. The admiral was expected to grill the nominee over the allegations in the forthcoming confirmation hearings before the Senate armed services committee. John McCain, a Republican senator from Arizona, dismissed the criticism, which he said "ranks right up there with [former presidential candidate Ross] Perot's allegation that [President] Bush was going to disrupt his daughter's wedding".

Admiral Inman's withdrawal, the latest in a long string of unsuccessful Administration appointments, is another setback for Mr Clinton in his efforts to improve relations with the military. It is the second nomination withdrawal for a top Pentagon job within two weeks, after Morton Halperin revoked his nomination as Assistant Secretary of Defence in reaction to criticism over his allegedly pacifist views in the 1970s. Admiral Inman's move will prolong the uncertainty for America's military until a successor to Mr Aspin is nominated and confirmed by the Senate. Mr Aspin was criticised inside the Pentagon for failing to provide decisive leadership and for pursuing policies considered by the military establishment as too liberal. Admiral Inman would have been more to the military's liking, with his reputation of being tough, conservative and Republican.

Mr Clinton faces the task of finding a candidate who is seen as sufficiently conservative and willing to take on possibly one of the least gratifying jobs in the Administration, overseeing difficult internal reforms and implementing ferocious cuts, and all this with apparently much-reduced prospects of fighting a war. Admiral Inman has been criticised over his business dealings. After he left the CIA in 1982, he became chairman of a Texas defence contractor, and later helped engineer a buy-out of the company by an investment group, of which he was a board member. The firm later went bankrupt.

The admiral had also been attacked for trying to elicit a shorter jail term for James Giffin, a former CIA intelligence source convicted of transferring military know-how to Iraq and South Africa. Republican leaders in Congress, who have tasted blood after developments in the Whitewater financial scandal, involving Mr Clinton's ties to a failed Arkansas savings and loan company, promised a tough confirmation hearing.

In his letter to the President, Admiral Inman gave the typically bitter reaction of a failed Clinton nominee, blaming his critics and reiterating his comments during the nomination announcement that he had accepted reluctantly after much persuasion and arm-twisting by Mr Clinton. He wrote: "If I had really wanted the job I might have been willing to subject my family to the daily onslaught that awaits those doing highly visible public service."

Police look at Games cash link to ice attack

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

POLICE are investigating whether funds given to Tonya Harding, the American figure-skating champion, for her Winter Olympic preparations may have been used to pay for the attack on her arch-rival, Nancy Kerrigan.

Investigators suspect that $6,500 (£4,360) allegedly used to pay for the assault may have come from money donated by the US Olympic Committee and other backers.

NBC television said that the authorities had obtained bank records that could link Miss Harding's former husband and current boy friend, Jeff Gillooly, to the three men already charged over the attack. Shawn Eckardt, Miss Harding's bodyguard and one of those charged, is said to have told investigators that he had paid Shawn Stant, who is also under arrest, $6,500 to disable Miss Kerrigan as she practised for the American championships on January 6.

Although commercial sponsors have tended to avoid her in favour of Miss Kerrigan, Miss Harding has earned about $200,000 from ice skating since 1991. About $150,000 came from tours, but she also received $12,000 from the Olympic committee and additional sums from private donors. Miss Harding has agreed to meet prosecutors in Portland, Oregon, but denies any role in the attack.

Miss Kerrigan returned to the ice this week despite her battered right knee after she was awarded a place alongside Miss Harding in the US team at next month's Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

Reagan and Bush 'did know of Tehran arms deal'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Reagan set the stage for the illegal Iran-Contra conspiracy and, contrary to his public claims, George Bush, his Vice-President, was aware of the covert arms sales to Iran, according to the highly critical final report on the Reagan Administration's biggest scandal, released yesterday.

Lawrence Walsh, who conducted the enquiry, concluded that Mr Reagan had authorised the sale of arms to Iran to try to win the release of Americans held hostage in Lebanon, despite warnings that the transactions contravened US government policy and might also be illegal.

The President had also authorised his aides to arm the Contra guerrillas in their struggle against the pro-Marxist Sandinista regime in Nicaragua at a time when Congress had barred all US military aid. But Mr Walsh found no credible evidence that Mr Reagan or Mr Bush had violated criminal law.

At this distance, the report has no political or legal ramifications. It is unlikely to astonish an American public that long ago lost interest in the twists and turns of the Iran-Contra affair after concluding that the plot had obviously involved illegal acts in the highest echelons of the White House and was Mr Reagan's biggest bungle during his eight years in office.

Most of the dramatic tension was drained from the scandal early on when a congressional select committee decided, even before hearing testimony, that it would not impeach Mr Reagan.

If the Walsh report has anything other than historical relevance today, it is to serve as a caution for those seeking to embarrass President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, over their financial deals in the Whitewater affair. The Walsh report is a reminder of how long an independent investigation can take and how quickly the initial shock of a scandal can dissipate so that, in the final analysis, the conclusions have little impact.

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Peter Millar looks into a world of indigestible bills, social blackmail and surly waiters

Is it time we left tipping behind?

There is a wonderful moment in the 1939 Garbo film *Ninotchka* in which the ice-cold comrade attempts to point out the evils of capitalism to a porter carrying her bags with the line: "That's no business. That's social injustice." To which he replies: "That depends on the tip."

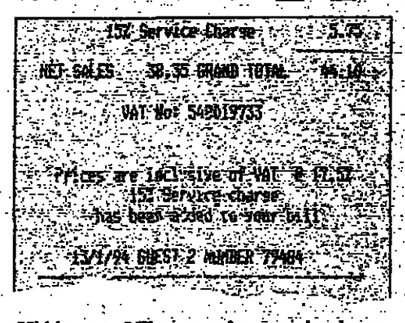
The fine art of overpayment is one that has dogged civilisation so incessantly that sooner or later it had to come up in the Palace of Westminster. Tory MP Michael Fabricant knew he was accurately targeting his fellow members' interests yesterday when he tried — under the futile-but-fun 10-minute rule that allows MPs to raise miscellanies — to outlaw the practice of adding service charges to restaurant bills.

From the all-but-obligatory 10 per cent on taxi fares to the institution of slipping a tenner to the binmen at Christmas, there is nothing which creates such potential for both offence and embarrassment as the ancient custom of tipping. But it is in restaurants that we are most cruelly tortured. It is bad enough to see a bill that already threatens the mortgage repayment swollen another notch for the supposed benefit of those who provided the often surly service. But it is adding insult when the credit card slip is presented with the final box left blank to suggest that a further increment might be added.

Defenders of "automatic" service charges will say that they remove the potential for embarrassment, while ensuring that waiters and waitresses get an adequate supplement to their paltry basic income. The fact is that they are a hidden extra for the consumer — as evidenced by the Consumer Association's support for Mr Fabricant's short-lived Bill yesterday. At the same time they are for restaurant staff the equivalent of the supposed "bonuses" paid to Russian miners, which actually only kept them at subsistence level.

In most establishments the charge is nominally optional, but just try refusing to pay or suggesting the percentage might be smaller. Unless the waiter has actually tipped the soup into your lap, even the suggestion of disagreement about the service charge qualifies for inclusion in a Bateman cartoon.

It may be that the class-conscious English accentuate this awkwardness, partly out of concern about what tipping might imply about relative social standings, but also to create a further obstacle course of etiquette to trip up bounders. In London gentlemen's clubs, for example, tipping is strictly taboo on the grounds that the staff are to be treated more as domestic retainers than restaurant employees.



Hidden extra? The compulsory service charge

The regular income supplement of a few coins left at the table is euphemistically replaced by a "Christmas fund" to which members are expected to make a hefty contribution. But one colleague, now a veteran clubman, recalls how, embarrassed by not having tipped on his first clubland outing, he overcompensated on his second, only to be apprehended by the waitress with the loud, crisp, and cooly disapproving announcement: "You appear to have left some money on the table." Unless you know the rules, tipping is a no-win situation.

In France, the rules are different. A service charge is *de rigueur*. Do not be misled by the words *service compris* on your bill. You are still expected to leave a tip — the coins in a wide variety of denominations you are given as change are not provided in order to help you out with parking meters and payphones.

In Germany, tipping is universal. Small change is eliminated from transactions, the social signal being that neither the customer nor the waiter needs it. Everything, from expensive restaurant bills down to a single drink, is routinely rounded up, irrespective of percentages. A litre of beer at the Munich beer festival costs 9.70DM, but asking for change out of a 10DM note from one of those waitresses capable of carrying up to a dozen litres at once somehow never seems a good idea at the time.

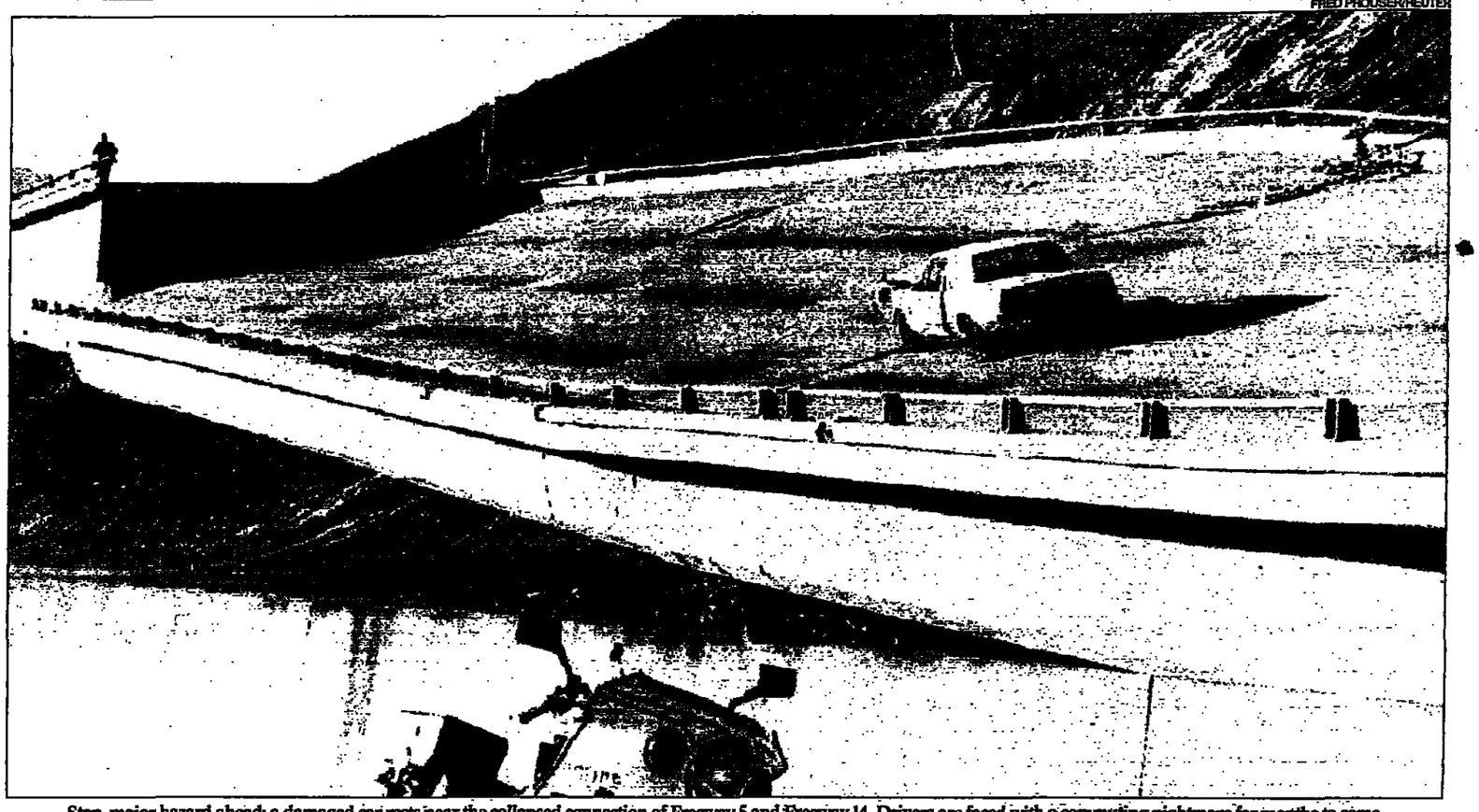
It is in America, however, that tipping takes over. The percentage of wages made up by the tip is instantly appreciated by anyone who has experienced the overwhelming turbo-charged enthusiasm: "Hi there, how-ya'all doin'. My name's Sally/Chuck/Suzi-Anne and it's my particular pleasure to be your table host for tonight. Our specials are real yummy fresh-caught charcoal-grilled . . ." In fact, anything you fancy — plus dumbstruck oblivion as far as the average Brit is concerned, fresh from the world of "Sorry luv, that's off".

It seems the British remain caught between two bar stools. Abolishing service charges might encourage a bit of effort on the part of restaurant staff to make sure guests actually have a good time. On the other hand, we could incorporate it into their wages and reflect it in the prices. But I suppose that would smack of a Euro-style "minimum wage". I know which *Ninotchka* would prefer.

City of battered angels

Far worse than the earthquake itself is the transport paralysis facing Los Angeles. **Ben Macintyre** reports from a city obsessed with the car

FRED PROUSER/REUTER


Stop, major hazard ahead: a damaged car rests near the collapsed connection of Freeway 5 and Freeway 14. Drivers are faced with a commuting nightmare for months to come

The citizens of Los Angeles have always made much of their Freeways, the complex system of roads sprawling over the city like unruly tagliatelle: they loathe them for their legendary traffic jams, the pollution they cause and the deranged snipers they occasionally attract. But they also celebrate them as symbols of the world's most mobile city.

In the space of some ten seconds on Monday morning, the entire system was plunged into disarray, its arteries severed by an earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter Scale.

Interstate 5, the principal north-south route through the state, has been closed after an entire section of road gave way; Interstate 10, the Santa Monica Freeway, running between the coast and the city and the busiest road in the nation, has also been closed after another strip of roadway buckled onto the street below.

Six important freeways have been closed and throughout the city smaller routes have been cut off by fires, landslides, burst water mains or leaking gas. The suburb of Santa Clarita Valley lost both routes to the city, leaving its 130,000 inhabitants virtually cut off. Traffic lights, dead from lack of electricity, add to the confusion and delay.

Eight million Angelinos share between them 6.5 million vehicles. With little — and ineffective — public transport, travelling by car is a necessary fact of city life, which has just become dramatically nastier and in many areas, impossible.

The *LA Times* has promised "a commuting nightmare for weeks to come" and by 7am yesterday approaches to Interstate 5 were clogged by ten-mile tailbacks.

During the 1984 Olympics, the city's authorities kept traffic flowing by implementing emergency tactics: staggering work hours, organising buses, eliminating tolls and encouraging car-pooling. The city is expected to attempt the same method, on a far more massive scale, in the wake of this week's disaster.

Some sections of roadway are expected to be closed for up to 18 months, including the six-lane Santa Monica Freeway. This highway is usually packed with sweating, angry motorists hurling abuse at one another. Early yesterday, I toured the closed section of road escorted by Doug Hobson, an official of Caltrans, the transport body charged with sorting out the chaos. It was eerily, completely deserted. "Take a good look," said Mr Hobson. "This ain't never happened before."

People from Los Angeles live in their cars. This is one of the ancient truisms about the city, now rendered literal in many cases. In a baseball field in Northern Hollywood, hundreds of families camp out in vehicles, too frightened to return to their damaged homes. Many crouch around smoking barbecues, their possessions spread about them on the grass.

Setty Brabanti was in Guatemala in 1976 when an earthquake struck, killing thousands. Now he has been forced from his battered home into his station wagon, which he shares with his family of six other adults and three children. "We have food and water, we are okay," he says.

After the 1971 earthquake here, the LA authorities launched an extensive programme to reinforce highways at a cost of $1.5 billion. Some of the roads damaged this week had already been reconstructed — yet they still collapsed or buckled when the quake struck.

Politicians are already calling for an investigation into the way the city builds and maintains its roads. "If we were to design every structure to resist [the most powerful earthquake] every structure would look like a nuclear power plant, and that's not economical," structural engineer Lorie Wyllie told *USA Today* newspaper.

Not surprisingly, the latest calamity to befall Los Angeles has prompted a renewed sense of vulnerability, a raw almost peevish attitude of barely suppressed panic. As I hired a car in a Van Nuys hotel yesterday, another hefty aftershock reverberated through the foundations, sending the overhead lights swinging wildly as the electricity stuttered.

The man from Avis abandoned the car rental form and, stuffing the keys into my hand, bolted for the door. "Bring it back whenever," he called over his shoulder. No one in Los Angeles, it seems, is making long-term plans.

But some are fatalistic. In Sherman Oaks I watched a fire consume a suburban house. The local residents had turned out to watch. "You're at your own risk," a grimy, exhausted fireman shouted, pointing to the tottering chimneys of the next door house, one of which had barely crashed into the street. "One more tremor and that whole wall's coming down." A few onlookers moved away. Several merely shrugged and stared on.

Los Angeles was always a fractured city, divided between massive wealth and hopeless poverty, riven by differing races and lifestyle. When the fault line running through the San Fernando Valley quaked this week, it may even have exaggerated the divisions, driving people deeper into themselves and breaking up the roadways that link them.

"You don't want to go down there," one white man advised, pointing towards the black neighbourhood of South Central. "They won't be looking for visitors today."

In the past few years Los Angeles has endured a series of disasters of near biblical proportions: fires, floods, landslides, riots and earthquakes. Now, whatever deity has a grudge against this city, has killed at least 33 people, rendered thousands homeless and destroyed the physical element that makes this patchwork of disjointed neighbourhood into a city — the roads that bind it together.

At dawn yesterday, the ground still shook with aftershocks. As Doug Hobson surveyed the traffic building up in vast bottlenecks below a broken slice of highway he offered the sort of wry philosophy that Angelinos have been forced to perfect. "At least we ain't had locusts, yet."

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The adventures of Auntie Apron

From business executives to housewives, the Japanese are escaping into a comic-strip world


Half the shelves of bookshops are stacked with comic strips


JOANNA PITMAN

In the fourth year of a recession, with long established magazines closing down and leading newspapers fighting a cut-throat battle for advertising, an enterprising editor in Japan has begun producing a new daily newspaper that has captured a readership of 350,000 in its first month and has not even begun to tap the vast circulation potential beyond Greater Tokyo.

Aska is a 32-page afternoon newspaper in tabloid size. There are dozens of these already in the market, serving up an endless diet of sex, sports and stars, bodyless heads and headless bodies. What makes *Aska* so popular is that it presents its stories in *manga* (comic strip) form — the newest and most pervasively influential print medium in Japan.

Editor Yasuo Ozaki is confident that the comic strip business is the future for all publishing enterprises in Japan. "*Manga* is the biggest and the fastest growing publishing hope of the future in this country, much more than in Europe or in America," he says. "It is 30 years since Japan's *manga* boom began. I have no doubt that *manga* are the way forward for newspapers, magazines and a large proportion of educational material because the generation of 30-year-olds and under has been brought up on these kind of visuals."

Aska's rapid success gives an indication of the insatiable appetite for comics that exists in Japan. *Manga* publishing is already a huge industry. More than 500 different titles are published every week and almost 1.5 billion of these telephone-directory sized tomes are turned out every year, the equivalent of 12 magazines for every man, woman and child in the country. More paper is used for *manga* than for loo paper in Japan.

Perhaps it is the strain of working too hard, but the fact remains that Japanese people of all ages and from all walks of life are hooked on the escapist fantasies described in the pages of their weekly comic strips. They can be found in dentists' waiting rooms, in restaurants, barber shops, offices, factories and in coffee shops. More than half the shelf space in most of Japan's book shops is devoted to comics (they account for over 40 per cent of all book and magazine publications in the country). And for insomniacs who cannot get through the night without the latest episode of *Ready and Rearing to Go* or *Galaxy Express 999*, there are 5,000 pavement vending machines that dispense comics round the clock.

Age is no guide to reading preferences. Foreign travellers on Tokyo's subway trains are often amazed to see next to the nine-year-old boy immersed in the simple-minded gags of the weekly *Shonen Jumppu* (Jumping Lad), a 34-year-old salaryman flicking through the same comic book, lost in a fantasy world in which he can laugh at his frustrations, machine gun his enemies, peek up secretaries' skirts and make off with the pneumatic blonde in the black leather biking gear.

He has a wide range of *manga* from which to choose to annihilate reality during his long commute home. There are romance, baseball, *ero-guro* (erotic and grotesque), gourmet and even information comic strips which weave tales of drama and tragedy out of such unpromising material as "On The Front Lines of the Discount War" and "The Budget Deficit".

For the irredeemably ambitious salaryman there are the comic strip adventures of Mr Speedy or Mr Promotion and a long-running saga called Ode to Work. For housewives there is Auntie Apron, but priests and politicians are renowned for their particular interest in strips of the *ero-guro* genre.

Young ladies read titles like *Big Comic for Lady* in which androgenous young men deliver suffering heroines with huge mooning eyes from wicked teachers/employers/husbands/mothers-in-law in tales called "Teacher Likes Mini Skirts" or "The Cactus and the Marshmallow".

Mothers and children in millions of households all over Japan bicker over who gets the first sighting of the weekly comic strip. *Dame Oyaji* (Stupid Dad) in which a pathetically spineless buck-toothed and bespectacled little man is bullied by a shrieking harridan of a wife built like a warrior robot and nicknamed *Onibaba* (the demon hag).

With her vicious son and her whining daughter, the demon hag torments Stupid Dad, tying him to a lamp-post, making him take cold baths in winter and turning him into an extreme version of the figure of fun that many sad, overworked, alienated and humiliated fathers have become in Japan.

Stupid Dad is the type who would need more than most to immerse himself in the escapist fantasies of baseball or romance comic strips, although it would be more in character of course if he were to select for perusal on the commuter train Taisei Corporation's comic about the structure of reinforced buildings, or the finance ministry's white paper on the renewal of the economy.

Almost every Japanese person I know reads *manga* in some form or another and with schools using them for teaching material, it is difficult to imagine the comic strip losing its grip on the nation.

Some indication of its status in society is given by the fact that six *manga* artists are featured among the nation's top 500 income tax payers. No doubt Mr Ozaki will be up there among them one of these days.

An unknown actress is stealing the limelight in the BBC's *Middlemarch*

Passionate puritan

Rachel Kelly meets Juliet Aubrey, chosen for her quality of 'purity, almost saintliness'

More than five million viewers made the acquaintance of Juliet Aubrey last week when she gave a brilliant, beborneted performance in the BBC's *Middlemarch*.

Critics lauded her portrayal of George Eliot's heroine, Dorothea Brooke, in the novelist's masterpiece of provincial life. Not yet 21, young Dorothea is an earnest girl who longs to devote herself to some high purpose. She thinks the answer lies with the Rev Edward Casaubon, a scholar in his late 40s who is working on a key to all mythologies — and whom she marries. Yet she discovers she was misguided, and eventually falls in love with a much younger man than Casaubon.

Miss Aubrey's performance would have pleased the exacting novelist herself. She was a match for co-stars such as Michael Hordern and Robert Hardy. She is being tipped for stardom — the next Helen Mirren, an actress she herself singles out for admiration, or the next Emma Thompson. She managed to convey the spirit of Dorothea, at once intelligent yet insensitive, idealistic yet irritating.

And all the while delivering grown-up lines full of Eliot's sharpness with the expertise of an actress twice her age. (She is 26.) She did in fact beat four well known actresses for the part, won, according to *Middlemarch's* producer Louis Marks, because of her "extraordinary quality of purity, almost saintliness".

Mr Marks has a knack of spotting ingenues and coaxing them to stardom. He cast Juliet Stevenson as a relative newcomer; now she is a star. Miss Aubrey is his latest find.

"She has a quality both dignified and passionate," Mr Marks says. "She is attractive but can also be anguished. Her eyes are extraordinary — both appealing and vulnerable. We knew we'd found Dorothea.

"It was the most difficult role to cast, as there has to be a kind of innocence which is hard to find these days," he says.

In real life, she looks less than innocent, clad in black when we met for coffee at the Savoy in a leather cap and leather jacket. Yet her voice is gentle and her looks as angelic as on celluloid.

She is an Eliot enthusiast (describing her as "brilliant") and a fan too of the way that adaptor Andrew Davies has preserved Eliot's female perspective and kept faith with the original book.



Aubrey as Dorothea Brooke: complex part

She read and re-read *Middlemarch* as part of her preparation for the role, finding it richer at every reading. Not content, she read Eliot's other novels too, and devoured Eliot biographies. To immerse herself fully in the period, she then read Pascal's *Pensées* and the Bible, to get a "general idea of what it was like to live during that time".

She identifies closely with her Dorothea's independence and strength of character. Yet unlike Dorothea, she has had a chance to fulfil her intellectual ambitions by going to university. She went to King's College London, where she read archaeology and classics. She sounded never happier during our chat than when discussing the joys of Herculaneum, near Naples, the subject of a research year in Italy while she was at university, when she had the chance to pick up fluent Italian and act in improvised productions. Her Italian experience proved useful during a *Middlemarch* location shoot in Rome, where Casaubon and Dorothea honeymoon.

"Dorothea was a woman with strong ideas, living in a society which expected its women to do embroidery and chat over tea about who was the most eligible bachelor," she says.

It is clearly not a fate that will befall Ms Aubrey. She is unenthusiastic about discussing the eligible bachelors in her personal life, or her background, finding it irrelevant to her thespian ambitions. At times, I felt rather like talking to a press officer at a large corporation, whose spokesman can neither confirm nor deny certain questions deemed inappropriate.

For example. Where was Ms Aubrey brought up? I asked. In Fleet, she replied, in Hampshire. And did she live in the country, or in the town itself, in a mansion or a council flat? I continued. She lived in a house, she replied.

But what sort of house? I persevered. "I just lived in a house," she answered in a voice that did not allow for further questioning. I felt for a moment like Mr Gradgrind in *Hard Times*, screaming for facts, facts, facts.

But she is happy to talk about her professional life and lets slip a few more personal details. She is half Welsh, and proud of it. She lives in a rented flat in Clapham. She relaxes by going to the theatre, and the National's production of *Machinal* is the best thing she has seen for ages. She always wanted to act, and can't imagine what else she would have done if she hadn't been able to tread the boards.

But until her break in *Middlemarch*, which is in the process of making her a household name, Ms Aubrey was a theatrical unknown. One would hardly expect anything different. She only left Central School of Drama two years ago.

All her life she has acted. (Asked why she wanted to act, she replied that she could pinpoint "nothing" specific to explain her enthusiasm. It was an "instinctive" thing.) She acted as a child. When she was little, she always got the boys' parts because she was so tall. She acted at school: she had a wonderful drama teacher but she could not remember her name.

She acted at university: chiefly plays at the Edinburgh Festival — she was Pegeen in *The Playboy of the Western World* and Irena in the *Three Sisters*. And she acted at Central where she enjoyed roles such as Cleopatra in *Antony and Cleopatra* and Viola in *Twelth Night*.

She has had television and film credits too, but not in programmes that I had heard of. She was Susan in *Big Battalions* and Dolores in *The Sussex Vampire* on television, and Hannah in a film called *Jonah who Lived in the Whale*. She has been busy promoting *Middlemarch* in America, but is still awaiting the call from Hollywood.

It is ironic that Juliet Aubrey, who has been launched to stardom by playing a repressed 19th-century heroine, should prove to be the most emancipated, if tongue-tied, of late 20th-century women.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Aubrey without bonnet: she immersed herself in George Eliot, Pascal and the Bible

Girls get down to the men's work

Why daughters will be in the boardroom on April 28

SHY, single men of a nervous disposition might do well to organise themselves a squash injury or a great-aunt's funeral on April 28. For this is the first national Take Our Daughters To Work Day, when schoolgirls between 11 and 15 are invited — thanks to a coven of keen Foundations and Societies and Initiatives — to join their parents at work. On that day, around boardroom tables and on factory floors, pitiless St Trinian's stares will rake your cosy world: the girls will be having a good look at you.

Mind you, even evasion might not get you clear of the interested stares. The whole point of the day is to cover every kind of work.



LIBBY PURVES

So if your pipes burst, expect your plumber to be accompanied by a chubby look-alike with a pout and leggings; and if you nip down to the bookies, who is to say that young Mandy will not be helping out there, too? She could always while away the dull moments watching the TV in the corner, where the immaculately groomed and styled daytime hosts try hard to look as if the rebellious, spotty object at their side actually belongs to the weatherman. And outside in the street Karen, aged 13, proudly helps her father to clamp your car.

She might take over an entire street: after all, at Glasgow Royal Infirmary this week a bleary-eyed casualty officer mistook two visiting 15-year-olds for medical students, and made them stitch up a patient's head. Anyone booked for a major operation on April 28 might do well to demand that the anaesthetist pull off her mask, show a full set of second teeth, and answer a few simple questions such as "Who was Paul McCartney's girlfriend before Linda?".

Still, you cannot but applaud the idea. Girls over 15 already go out on "work experience", but the places they go to are self-selecting. In other words, the company is already keen on encouraging girls, and sees its premises as a suitably decorous place to which to bring them. Therefore the whole exercise has already been put through a sort of paternalistic filter. But this is different: wider, and with a deliberate focus on telling girls that the sky is the limit.

In the American prototype last year there were girls on the police beat in Brooklyn, girls on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange, girls in court, at Nasa, on harbour launches in New Orleans, and up cherrypickers mending power lines. This year they intend to get Chelsea Clinton helping out in the Oval Office. The uptake in Britain looks encouraging, so on April 28 there will be lots of girls out looking, thinking, planning, and being explicitly encouraged to fantasise that they could one day come back and run the joint.

The age group is also a help. Boys of 11 seem to take an irrational dislike to girls — some psychological stuff to do with "crossing the river into manhood", I am told, and a fat lot of help that is — and the result in co-education is that there the boys express such contempt for all things girly that their sisters and classmates merely turn their backs and huddle together for warmth, avoiding the boys' world until the time comes when they are big enough to enslave the enemy with their beauty.

BUT by that time the damage is done, and a girl gets a niggling idea in her mind that any member of the male establishment who is not actually in love with her probably despises her, and won't let her in to his world without a struggle. So she silently gives up, until maturity asserts itself some years later and she turns into a savage middle-aged virago such as myself, by which time she has wasted 20 years agreeing with the nearest big boy that her talents lie in tidying his desk. Whereon she either makes a late spurt and terrorises a nation, or merely sulks.

So go on, Mr Worthington: put your daughter on your stage, and let the light shine on her.

Sex, scandal and hype in high places

Edwina Currie is the latest public figure to surprise us with a novel

Elaine Stalker is the Member of Parliament for South Warmingshire. She was born on October 13, 1956, has a striking appearance, is fearsomely ambitious, and some colleagues resent her flair for self-publicity. Hard-working and intelligent, she is married to a British Airways pilot and has a daughter at boarding school.

Coincidentally, Edwina Currie is the Member of Parliament for Derbyshire South. She was born on October 13, 1946, has a striking appearance, is fearsomely ambitious etc, etc. She too has a daughter at boarding school, although her husband is not a pilot. By an even more amazing coincidence, Mrs Currie is the author of *A Parliamentary Affair*, a novel whose main character is the aforementioned Elaine.

Elaine is surrounded by an atmosphere of malice, political intrigue, backfighting and bonking. She is having an affair with Roger Dickson, a government Whip tipped for great things. Andrew Muncastle, her friend and colleague, is having an affair with Miranda Jamieson, deputy editor of *The Globe* newspaper. Sir Nigel Boswood, the Environment Secretary, is a closet homosexual in love with a rent boy. If any of these liaisons are exposed, careers will be ruined and the Government may fall.

Sound familiar? Rarely can a book have been published at a more apposite time. Thanks to the likes of Tim Yeo, Lady Porter and David Ashby, Hodder & Stoughton, the publisher, has a guaranteed return on its investment, rumoured to be £100,000, in Mrs Currie's talents.

Mrs Currie will not confirm that this is a *roman à clef*, but neither will she deny it. "Some of my colleagues will be furious . . ." she has said. "Some of them will be shaking in their shoes."

> 'Some of my colleagues will be furious'

A Parliamentary Affair is by no means the first novel to be published by a figure in public life who has previously shown little literary leaning. At one end of the market there is the Duchess of York and her wholesome tales of *Budgie the Little Helicopter*. At the other are the likes of Ivana Trump, author of *For Love Alone* and *Free to Love*. Joan Collins has written three novels, Kate O'Mara has written two, Rupert Everett has written one. Heinemann-Mandarin assures us that the "publishing sensation" of 1994 will be *Swan* by Naomi Campbell, so far best known for her supermodelling.

Some celebrities are indignant at the suggestion that every word is not the result of months of sleepless nights poring over the thesaurus. Most, however, are happy to admit they were helped along the way. Mrs Trump told the American *Ladies' Home Journal* recently that to have her ghostwriter follow her around on the international social scene was "so much easier than describing everything".

"We used to worry that the public would be outraged when they learnt about the existence of ghostwriters," says one publishing PR. "But then we realised they didn't give a hoot. What readers want is to get close to a celebrity. They would be disappointed if they got an intelligent, imaginative novel that was not obviously drawn from their hero's life."

Why not simply write a rose-tinted autobiography and be done with it? The answer is that however selective our memories may be, we cannot change the ending. Fiction gives us the chance to rewrite history. Great artists, after all, have been doing it since the invention of the quill pen. Dante in *The Divine Comedy* had few compunctions about placing all his enemies in the danker parts of Hell, although he found some friends there too. Charlotte Brontë used her masterpiece *Villette* to pillory George Smith and Constantin Heger, who had both rejected her advances.

A Parliamentary Affair is satisfactorily concluded with Elaine's worst enemy being struck down by salmonella poisoning, a subject about which Mrs Currie is sensitive. Mrs Trump, a former Czech skiing champion turned socialite whose millionaire husband dumped her for Marla Maples, is keen on plots about sweet-natured former skiing champions whose husbands dump them and are shortly afterwards blown to smithereens.

Of course, there are still ordinary authors whose dream is to write a book and then become famous, rather than the other way round. The trick for publishers today is to promote them so vigorously that before a word has even appeared on proof, we know everything about them, from the contents of their fridge to the name of their first ballet teacher. Take Will Self, who was the talk of the town last autumn, thanks to his weird looks, his former heroin habit and his past work as a cartoonist, road sweeper and economic adviser to the Northern Territory of Australia, not to mention (which many completely forgot to do) the fact that he had published a new novel, *The Quantity Theory of Insanity*.

However and whenever fame is achieved, the next essential is to hold on to it. True celebrities are not satisfied that their names will live on beyond the grave; instead they are formulating a way to continue producing long after their natural time is up. Virginia Andrews, the author of the *Flowers in the Attic* series, died in 1986, Alistair Maclean of *The Guns of Navarone* in 1988, yet since then they have gone on to publish a new book every year, thanks to the fact that their names have become trademarks, like Hoover or Biro. Who knows? If Mrs Currie's novel is a success, our children and grandchildren will be eagerly awaiting her next instalment.

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Now that we have a new chairman, here are a few straight questions

As the first plucky harbingers of spring push their little heads up through my lawn in order to get their little necks broken, I find myself much cheered by the news that Mr Eric Robson has been given the chair of *Gardener's Question Time*.

I am cheered because he is not a professional gardener. After all the hysterical press speculation which had bandied about umpteen amateur names as variously diverting as the Bishop of Durham and the Prince of Wales but had then rejected them on the grounds that celebrity was not an adequate qualification, I had begun to fear that the hottest job in British caring would once again go to a rosette-hung boffin obsessed with botanical minutiae, rather than to some sturdy layman with a firm grasp of horticultural reality. But yesterday brought reassurance: the puff of white smoke floated up, at last, from the Corporation potting shed, Eric Robson wellied out to inherit the earth, and declared that he was just an ordinary bloke who liked mucking about in gardens.

Great news indeed! All my gardening life I have had nowhere to turn when the big questions sprouted from the cracks in my geoponic knowledge, those problems which beset all dabblers but get short shrift on a *Gardener's Question Time* more concerned with producing paragonic plots that cry out to be photographed for major jigsaws than with the blighted Flanders salients on which so many of us toil and sob.

Do you, for example, know what my opening paragraph is about? It is about wood-pigeons stepping on snowdrops. I do not have that many snowdrops to start with, binoculars are a help, and even then you'd be hard-pushed to distinguish the flowers from the droppings left by the pigeons stepping on them, and what I want to know is how to stop this happening, especially as it also happens when the crocus comes out. The answer is not next door's cat, because next door's cat does not eat pigeons, it eats only fish, thereby nicely bracketing gardener's questions 2 and 3, *ie* how do you stop the things you edge-planted to make the pond ornamental spreading unornamentally into the pond to allow a cat to walk into it and eat the fish? The answer is not next door's dog (from the other side), because next door's dog does not frighten off next door's cat, it merely hurls itself at the fence until the feather-boarding loosens and the trellis falls off.

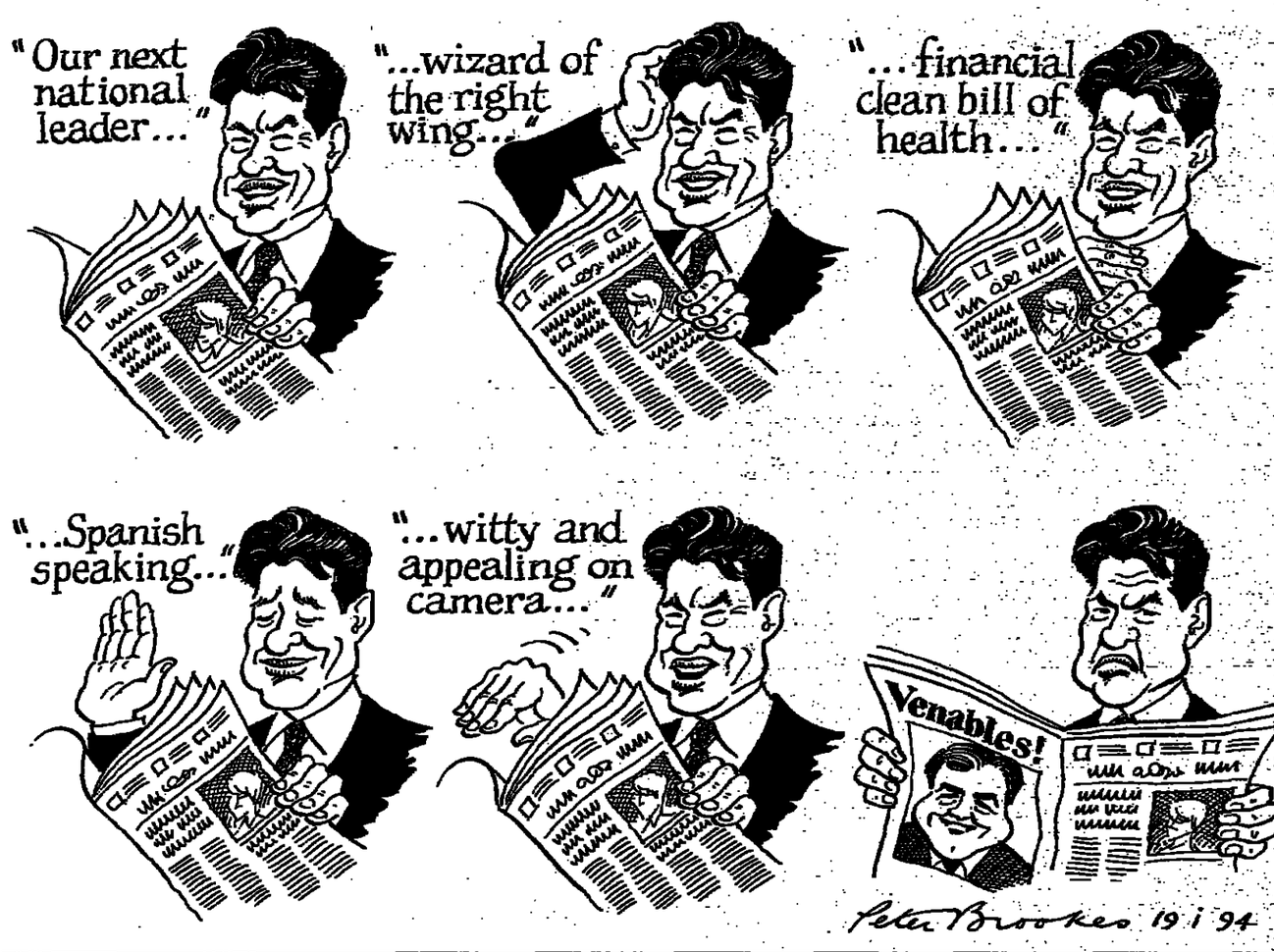
Which is the best glue for repairing fences, Eric? I know you will not advise nailing, because you are just an ordinary bloke who knows that when you try to hammer a nail into one board on a busted fence, six other boards fall out. Trellis cannot be nailed at all, which is why I now have rambling ground cover, interesting in its way, but does the panel think one should have to get down on one's knees to sniff honeysuckle?

A hammer is best reserved for wall-nails, isn't it Eric? Hammering a wall-nail is the surest way of getting it to fly back past your ear, leaving you staring at a big hole in the brick. No matter, you wanted wall-nails only because the experts said it was how to train wisteria, but you had a drainpipe handy and it was simpler to train the wisteria up that; the wisteria liked this, Eric, it liked it so much it got big enough to shove the drainpipe off the wall, what do I do now, panel?

Why does the spring on secateurs stop working the day after you buy them, Eric, so that you need two hands to work them, and a third hand to stop the things you cut off with them falling on your head? How do you find out when it is *not* going to rain, so that you can treat your lawn with fertiliser whose label warns you not to apply it if it *is* going to rain?

Why do corms stored in the garage for the winter die? Is it because they have an adverse reaction to being run over, Eric, or because the frost came through the window you didn't notice had been cracked by the flying wall-nail you lost track of after it had gone past your ear? Why is a big stone tub always in the wrong place only after you have filled it with enough earth to make it impossible to move it to the right one?

And can I just ask you another 300 questions like these Eric?



Machiavelli at No 10

More ruthlessness in Cabinet and blood in Downing Street are in order, Powerful One

Simon Jenkins

So what should John Major do now? Sit back and await the next "flurry", and the next and the next, or do something to avert them?

Did I see a small man with sparkling eyes and a sarcastic smile flit recently into Downing Street? He wore a flowing red cloak and spoke with a Florentine accent. Could it have been Niccolo M, spin-doctor to the renaissance, envoy to the Borgias and toadie to the Medicis, summoned at last to save the prime ministrial bacon? His advice, I know, always comes free. Only when taken does it get expensive.

Yes indeed. He is ushered into the presence. Your Magnificence — he addresses all clients alike, though Mr Major blushes — this is the crucial moment of your survival. It is the time, I always say, when a prince must act like a beast. He must learn the different lessons of the fox and the lion, "because the lion is defenceless against traps, and the fox defenceless against wolves".

First be a lion. I perceive the Tory right is no threat. Portillo, Lilley and Redwood are mere Savanarolas. Their every speech is an attack on your rule. They declare your 14-year-old principality to be immoral and riddled with crime: outrageous and demoralising words from any minister. But in my experience the faithful cheer such ranters today and dance round their pyres tomorrow. Look at Enoch Powell and Lord Joseph. They will not usurp your throne.

Yet their tongues can damage it to the advantage of others. So act. You denied last week that you said you would "crucify the right". It is too late for denial. Remember that a prince must always be stronger than his words. You must do what they said you said. You must crucify the right. At the Easter reshuffle, sack Redwood and Lilley and send Portillo on a hazardous mission to Europe. You cannot let slip this chance to show yourself in command. Dare to be unfair.

I once wrote that "Every prince would like to be both loved and feared, but it is far better to be feared than loved if you cannot be both". In statecraft this is always true. Compassion has its place, but it mostly leads to a disorder which harms the whole community; executions harm only individuals, and serve as excellent examples. That is how Lady Thatcher brought order, loyalty and even unity to the Tory party in 1980-81. She sacked two wets at each reshuffle, until every minister was quaking in his bed. She was weak on policy but never on people. And because she was strong on people, she was thought strong on policy. Princes are seldom praised for clemency, least of all princes with your problems.

A wise prince watches his chief rival like a vulture. Yours is not Howard or Portillo but Kenneth Clarke. You must kill him. He is your age, is ambitious and shares your inclinations. The party will think it can easily replace you with him, and by doing so gain popularity without risking a change in policy. This is dangerous. Lady Thatcher knew that to survive she had to kill Lord Pym, Lord Howe, Lord Lawson and Michael Heseltine, able courtiers marked initially by their loyalty. Do not be deceived by loyalty. It is a passing quality in a courtier.

When to kill a rival is the hardest decision for a prince. Too early and his friends may kill you afterwards. Too late and he may kill you first. Study the great Cesare. The first threat to your position is in November, with the parliamentary leadership election. You have two possible reshuffles before then — Easter and summer. The first is the more important. Consider every one of your colleagues a rival, because that is how they consider themselves.

You cannot sack Mr Clarke or even drive him to resignation. He must await his fate next year. But you must begin to spoil him, perhaps pin on him and his assistant Portillo more blame for tax increases. Of the others, choose carefully. From the ranks of the Easter sackings may come a stalking horse on a leadership first ballot in November. The sooner you sack a minister, the more tarnished he will have become by November. So do it quickly, with a sudden recklessness. Your hesitancy of late has brought you bad luck.

Plan November now. Convention says that no Cabinet minister stands against the leader on the first ballot. In return, the leader stands down at the second ballot if he (or she) has failed to win the first outright. Let it be known that you would defy such convention and fight to the finish. A general election is still three years off. If any close colleagues stand against you, fight them and let the Downing Street gutters run with blood. Your country could do with a new political generation by the time of the 1997 election.

But I run ahead of myself. The best way of pushing Mr Clarke out of his present prominence is to ensure such prominence for yourself. I also wrote: "Nothing brings a prince more prestige than great campaigns and striking demonstrations of his ability." I have been amazed, coming from Italy, at the negative tone of your Government's recent speeches. A prince should never belie his state or its achievements in the eyes of his people. He should always boast.

Coming from across Europe I find your economy is healthy. Last year, your car companies were the only ones in Europe to see increased sales. Your merchants and utilities are the most efficient in the world. Yet you are silent on all this. You let your ministers talk gloomily of the need to go backwards, of the miseries of the country, its illiteracy and crime. This is unwise.

I have said, "A prince alone can be shrewd; he cannot be made shrewd by his advisers." But behind every weak prince is weak organisation. You must get rid of your rivals, but you must also rid yourself of bad advice. You must guard your position in the Government and party and in the country. You are too plodding in your decisions, holding on to a promise even when the reason for making it no longer exists. Remember my maxim: "Princes who have achieved great things have been those who have given their word lightly, who have known how to trick men with their cunning and have overcome those abiding by honest principles." Do not fear U-turns. But make them quickly. And sack Lord Wakeham. He was appointed to coordinate your policy. He has failed.

You are praised for your kindness, decency and receptiveness. These qualities have not made you popular. Pursue others. I recommend decisiveness, ruthlessness and the certainty of rising prosperity. Too many of your courtiers are too like you. They cannot change their spots, so you must change them. Send Sir Norman Fowler to Urbino, Sir Robin Butler to Milan, Sarah Hogg to Venice and Richard Ryder to Cortona. You need new blood. New blood means spilling old blood. I have found it curious, but nothing cheers the people like the spilling of old blood.

I divine that your position is not serious, merely critical. It can thus be rectified. A wise prince knows when to be seen by the people and when to seek the lofty authority of his forness. I believe you should do the latter. Disregard the British press. It is foolish beyond belief; it owes you no loyalty and respects no confidences. Last year it declared that you would be gone before Easter, "saving some miraculous upturn in your fortunes". You have survived without miraculous intervention. Now the press is saying you may not survive local or European elections or the Scott enquiry. These are mere noises from the Rialto.

Confine your councils to your close advisers. Shun all flatterers. Never hold another O'Donnell dinner, a coterie of favourites from within a coterie. Such favouritism invariably leads to mischief by the excluded. Many a prince has been destroyed by an ill-judged dinner. Make your public statements to Parliament or on the Downing Street pavement. Give no interviews. Be aloof. Cultivate dignity.

The gentleman in red now gives his client a sympathetic smile. I of course make no reference, he says, to your noble qualities as prime minister. Such qualities are of no consequence when a rival threatens. Remember only what I have said: "Princes who have lost their states have done so primarily through indolence. They believed that when times were quiet they could not imagine any storm. But Fortune favour audacity. She is a woman. Command her submission. Above all be impetuous, not circumspect."

The audience was at an end. The man with the Florentine accent trotted off towards Whitehall.

Police and politics don't mix

Vernon Bogdanor on a Bill that would give new powers to the Home Secretary

The House of Lords is now considering the amendments to the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill. As Lord Whitelaw and other Conservative peers have warned, this raises issues of such constitutional importance — threatening as it does the independence of the police — that peers should ask the Government to think again before passing it into law.

Since the first police authorities were established in 1835, policing has been governed through a tripartite structure, in which power is diffused between the Home Secretary, local police authorities and chief constables. Under current arrangements, each local police authority in England and Wales, with the exception of London, comprises two-thirds elected councillors and one-third magistrates. The Home Secretary sets the strategic framework for policing, and approves the appointment by police authorities of senior police officers.

Operational day-to-day control of the police is, however, vested in the chief constable, who cannot be given instructions about police operations by any politician, whether local or national. It is the division of power between central and local government which buttresses the independence of the chief constable and ensures that he cannot become subject to political direction.

The Bill before the Lords would destroy that division of power by emasculating police authorities. New authorities will comprise 16 members: eight councillors, three magistrates and five nominees of the Home Secretary. The Home Secretary will also appoint the chairman, who will be paid.

So, by contrast with current arrangements, the chairman will become responsible to the Home Secretary, and not to the police authority. As Home Office minister Earl Ferrers admitted in the Lords on May 16 last year, "all police authorities will be independent of local councils". In effect, therefore, the Bill establishes a national police force under the control of the Home Secretary.

With a national force, the independence of the chief constable could easily come under threat. For chief constables will in future be appointed on short-term contracts. It will be the police authority which decides whether to renew such a contract, but the authority itself will be responsible to the Home Secretary. Under current arrangements, the Home Secretary is a neutral umpire in a dispute between the chief constable and the chairman of a police authority. If, however, the chairman is his appointee, the Home Secretary can no longer be neutral. The balance between central and local government will have been destroyed.

A future Home Secretary could decide to tell his compliant chairmen what he wants the police to do. Chief constables, dependent for renewal upon their chairmen, will have lost the constitutional safeguard of their independence, secured by the division of power between central and local government. Human nature being what it is, a chief constable nearing renewal may then be leant upon by his chairman to obey the Government's wishes. That would be the end of the independence of the police.

This is not just a theoretical worry. During the miners' strike of 1984-85, some strikers believed that the police were being used as an arm of Mrs Thatcher's Government. After the strike ended, the chief constable of West Yorkshire and the chairman of the police authority played a crucial role in calming fears and healing a deeply divided community. This was possible only because the chairman was seen as a local man and not a Government representative.

If the chairman and the chief constable had been seen as "the Government's men", and the law enforcement had been seen as dependent upon the wishes of the Government, then the authority of the law would have been gravely weakened. That is the prospect opened up by the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill, since it destroys the division of power which has hitherto protected the independence of the police.

A second parliamentary chamber so unusually constituted as the House of Lords can be defended on two grounds. The first is that it has a particular role to play in constitutional protection. Peers should use their powers to preserve the checks and balances of the constitution by removing the provisions in the Bill under which the Home Secretary is to appoint the chairman and five members of each police authority.

The second justification of the House of Lords is that it can make the Government rethink hasty legislation. Since neither Michael Howard nor anyone else in the Government actually seeks to subvert the independence of the police, the Lords would be saving the Home Secretary from himself if it were to amend the Bill. Nor should the Conservative majority in the Lords fear that they will be betraying their party if they alter legislation which so threatens the Conservative principle of the dispersal of power. For since when has it been a Conservative doctrine that the man in Whitehall knows best?

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Dress rehearsals

COSTUME DRAMAS are bursting out all over. Fanned, perhaps, by the rave reviews for the BBC's adaptation of *Middlemarch*, no fewer than three adaptations of Jane Austen novels are on their way: two productions of *Pride and Prejudice* and one of *Sense and Sensibility*.

Janeites are no doubt delighted, but why the sudden wave of interest? "I don't know whether it's a kind of nostalgia, harking back to a better pure age or whether it's linked to 'back to basics'," says Andrew Davies, who has weaved his adaptation magic on both *Middlemarch* and *Pride and Prejudice* for the BBC.

Davies rejects the view of Fay Weldon, who adapted an earlier *Pride and Prejudice* for the BBC. She famously said of Austen: "What she writes pleases men: a view of the world in which women only think of men." Davies thinks Austen does not particularly flatter male sensibility.

Austen devotees, however, are more concerned with female sensibilities. "We heard that an American is threatening to do a version with Darcy climbing out of a bath. I can't think what that has got to do with the book," says Jean Bowden, curator of Jane Austen's House. "A full frontal Darcy really isn't Jane Austen at all."

But the BBC, which begins filming soon, has a rival in the shape of a feature film being made by Oxford Films, with the help of £15 million backing from Warner Brothers. Casting for both productions is under way, as it is for Emma Thompson's version of *Sense and Sensibility*. Her not-very-secret auditions have attracted a bevy of stars including Amanda Root, Francesca Annis, Geraldine McEwan and Stephen Fry. But Thompson is also being cited as a possible Elizabeth Bennett in Oxford's *Pride and Prejudice*, with Kenneth Branagh, Daniel Day-Lewis and Rufus Sewell competing to play Darcy. Clearly a case of don't call us — we're busy calling each other.

● *Calls for an investigation into how events at "that dinner" found their way into the press have fallen on stony ground. Chairman of the lobby is ITN's political editor Michael Brunson, one of the dinner guests questioned about the infamous remarks. And lobby secretary is Simon Walters of* The Sun, *who was seen chatting to Brunson after the dinner.*

DIARY

Expletives repeated

THERE can be few better advocates for the use of plain English than the former England football manager, Graham Taylor. A fly-on-the-wall documentary, appropriately entitled *Graham Taylor: The Impossible Job*, to be broadcast on Channel 4 this Monday, is believed to break all records for swearing.

Channel 4 is bracing itself for complaints following the programme in which the f-word is used no fewer than 38 times — and by Taylor himself on all but two of those occasions. Only last week Channel 4 was upbraided by the Broadcasting Standards Council for the same word — heard just once — in an episode of *The Camomile Lawn*.

But Chrysalis Sport, which made the programme, believes the language of the dressing room should be aired. "When Graham saw it, he was a little bit disturbed by the number of times he swore. But then he let it go; it's industrial language after all."

● *Alliteration rather ran away with us yesterday, when we mentioned Lord McAlpine's plans to sell a cornucopia of objets d'art culled from his extensive collection. The "Cabinet of Curiosities" is being auctioned not by Christie's, as we reported, but by Sotheby's. The saleroom serendipity is scheduled for February 17.*

While Rome burns?

LORD MENUHIN is likely to be out of tune with the Government when he makes his maiden speech in the Lords next week. Joining the growing number of new peers who choose to ignore the convention of avoiding contentious issues on their first outing, the violinist is keen to address the subject of arts funding policy. Very keen.

"I want to say a few things which are dear to me," says the great virtuoso. "I have some thoughts which I have written down, but I don't know how they will fit into the debate." But apart from dropping a broad hint that Lord Donoughue's Opposition arts camp is likely to gain a valuable ally, Menuhin refuses to be drawn on the line he plans to take. "I'd better not — they might start attacking me now."

But while he puts the finishing touches to his speech, Menuhin is to begin the sequel to his 1977 volume of autobiography, *Unfinished Journey*, in collaboration with writer and journalist Nicholas Monson. "I've wanted for a long time to bring it up to date — before the journey is finished."

Closeted together

A COMMEMORATIVE plaque is at last to be erected in the House of Commons to honour the very first woman elected as an MP, Countess Markiewicz. It will, however, be placed in a broom cupboard.

As Sinn Fein member for the St Patrick's division of Dublin — elected in 1918 while under sentence of death for her part in the Easter uprising — the "red" countess never took her seat at Westminster. Most parliamentarians therefore acknowledge Nancy Astor's claim as the first woman to sit in the House.

But not Tony Benn. "There are all these statues around the place of ex-prime ministers and so on," says the host of this week's controversial Sinn Fein press conference. "I want to leave a few memorials to people who really fought for democratic rights."

Benn therefore plans to wield his screw-driver again, placing the plaque to Markiewicz alongside the one he erected to the suffragette Emily Wilding Davison, who originally put the cupboard on the map, when she barricaded herself inside during the 1911 census. Beginning to sound more like a radical game of sardines.



● *One absentee from yesterday's* Sunday Times *lunchtime lecture by the Bank of England's deputy governor Rupert Pennant-Rea was John Cleese's wife, Alyce Faye Eichelberger Cleese, who organised the event, was planning to catch a plane from Los Angeles with her husband. "They were 14 floors up in a hotel room when everything fell off the wall, and the room blacked out, then flooded," says a colleague. Clearly a Fawlty Tower.*

DAM DECEIT

All must be revealed about Malaysia's white elephant

The abuse of British aid money to finance the Pergau dam in Malaysia is a patent scandal which seriously damages Britain's hitherto high reputation for sound aid policies. The Commons Public Accounts Committee has now heard enough to justify further detailed probing to determine whether the loan was also illegal under the 1966 Overseas Aid Act, which prohibits the use of aid to help secure defence contracts.

Douglas Hurd and, as the committee has now learned, John Major, insisted in 1991 on spending £234 million in concessional loans, the largest sum ever disbursed by Britain on a single aid project, on a dam which they were repeatedly advised was wholly uneconomic and would actually damage Malaysia's economy. When they gave the go-ahead, they were aware that costs had doubled since the initial estimates given by Balfour Beatty, one of the contractors. Yet they refused to order a detailed independent appraisal. Sir Tim Lankester, the permanent secretary at the Overseas Development Administration, was so convinced that this was an "abuse of taxpayer's money" that he took the exceptional step of refusing to write the relevant cheques unless formally directed by Mr Hurd to do so.

The bill for this white elephant is not in dispute. Funding this project through soft loans rather than commercial export credits cost British taxpayers an extra £56 million. As for Malaysian consumers, they will have to spend £100 million more for the electricity thus produced than they would have done from a gas-fired station, recommended by the World Bank as far better suited to Malaysia's needs. The only beneficiaries appear to have been the British companies involved and their Malaysian partners.

To make matters worse, the money came from a controversial fund, the Aid and Trade Provision, which exists to help British contractors win bids they might otherwise lose. Universally known in Whitehall as a "slush fund", the existence of the ATP is justified by ministers as an unfortunate necessity they would gladly abolish, were it not for the unscrupulous methods of their competitors — and defended by reference to firm rules that it may be used only for "financially and environmentally sound" projects. Pergau, as Mr Hurd and Mr Major knew, met neither criterion.

The serious unresolved question is whether Pergau was linked to the deal, negotiated by Margaret Thatcher in Kuala Lumpur in 1988, to sell Malaysia £1 billion worth of Tornado jets and other military equipment. The Government denies such a link. Yet the press was briefed by officials in 1988 that the arms contract would be accompanied by a British commitment to "invest" in Malaysia, to the tune of around £300 million. The formal offer of tied aid was made two months later; Cementation, one of the companies involved, admits that the agreement in principle was reached at the same time as the arms deal, while maintaining that this was "a stand alone contract".

When the National Audit Office issued a damning report on Pergau last October, Mr Hurd's defence was that Britain could not backtrack on undertakings given by Lady Thatcher as prime minister. This week, Mr Hurd again referred to "earlier commitments". Although, ironically, Malaysia later cancelled the Tornado purchase, and the 28 British Aerospace Hawk aircraft ordered have yet to be delivered or paid for, Mr Hurd further justifies the waste of aid money on the ground that cancellation of Pergau would have had "serious consequences" for British exports. Yesterday, Mr Major spoke of "backing British business abroad" and of maintaining "billions of pounds" of exports to Malaysia. Yet although these trebled between 1986 and 1992, they were worth only £635 million in 1992. Do the "billions" refer to arms sales?

As we said in October, the Government cannot have it both ways: either the aid was linked to defence exports, and therefore illegal under the 1966 act; or it was not, in which case normal ATP rules should have been followed. The argument of backing British exports, the second line of defence, is inadequate. The Government knows well that there are ways to help Britain compete without misspending the aid budget. The Government concedes that it breached the guidelines on aid spending. Unless Mr Major now releases every document relevant to the case, the suspicion will remain that he and Mr Hurd also broke the law.

GAIDAR'S CHOICE

Reform in Russia will survive its architect's departure

Barely four days after Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin drank toasts to continued economic change in Russia, the government's reform programme lies in disarray. Yegor Gaidar, its chief architect, has resigned — again — and his allies in Viktor Chernomyrdin's cabinet are on the point of pulling out. In the bitter jostling for influence, the conservatives and the industrial lobby have won a clear victory over those who resisted the loosening monetary policy or any concessions to the go-slow school.

However damaging the loss of Mr Gaidar and Boris Fyodorov, the finance minister, may be to the rouble — which went into virtual free fall as Russians stampeded exchange offices in a rush to buy dollars — there was probably no way Mr Gaidar could have been persuaded to stay on. His ostensible objections — eminently reasonable in themselves — were to the government's rejection of policies to contain inflation, including the proposed monetary union with Byelorussia and the extravagent plan to build a $500 million parliament. But his deeper reason was the betrayal of the commitment to reform these symbolised.

Significantly, neither Mr Yeltsin nor Mr Chernomyrdin made any real effort to assuage his worries. They realised that he was already a lame duck. As a politician he must rate as one of the least charismatic speakers, whose gawky electoral campaign ended in a rout. A price had to be paid and it was his head.

His loss would be less serious were Boris Fyodorov, the finance minister, willing to stay in the cabinet. But he insisted that he could no longer work with his arch-rival Viktor Gerashchenko, the chairman of the Central Bank, and his peremptory demands for the immediate dismissal of the free-spending Mr Gerashchenko and Aleksandr Zaveryukha, the agriculture deputy prime minister, was an attempt to dictate terms to Mr Chernomyrdin which he could not accept. It now looks increasingly unlikely that Anatoly Chubais, whose success in pushing through privatisation is one visible result of reform, can be retained in the cabinet reshuffle, due to be announced today.

Currency dealers have indicated their dismay with a frenzied selling of the rouble, which has seen its value fall by 21 per cent this month alone. But it would be premature to write the obituary of Russia's reform programme. Viktor Chernomyrdin remains prime minister, and he is a pivotal figure of stability. Indeed, given the increasingly erratic behaviour of Mr Yeltsin, who like a Siberian bear has retreated for much of this winter into a lair from which he can be drawn, with angry growling, only by the occasional summit or domestic crisis, Mr Chernomyrdin's authority and political weight are growing by the day. He is likely to continue leading from the centre, though there will be many confusing steps forward followed by tactical retreat. But Mr Chernomyrdin has shown that he is not a man to be bullied by either side.

Russia's reforms however have already passed the point of no return. To the West, the situation looks ungovernable and desperate. But Russians have an instinct for survival in conditions that would overwhelm most others, and this applies as much to traders and entrepeneurs as to the stolid and long-suffering housewives. Real reform will take years, but a market has already been established that even the hard-liners can hamper but cannot kill. Mr Clinton's toast may now look premature: but in the long run it remains valid.

TIP OF THE ICEBERG

Parliament should not meddle with diners' discretion

Tipping is anachronistic and illogical. People tip waiters and hairdressers, but not plumbers and shop assistants, however helpful. Removal men who heave furniture will expect a tip, but not decorators who wallpaper the bedroom. Some tip drivers of black cabs but not minicabs. Now a Conservative MP, Michael Fabricant, wants not to remove the eccentricities of the practice but to involve the law in it.

His concern is with restaurant bills. Some include a service charge, others do not. Some charge for service, but still mischievously leave the "total" box of the credit card slip empty. Unsuspecting customers end up tipping twice over. Some emblazon the bill with "service not included". Others call the service charge "voluntary" or "optional" in order to give VAT the slip. And it takes an unusually robust customer to refuse to pay.

Mr Fabricant, supported by a gaggle of meddling organisations, wants to make restaurants include service in the price of the food. That is the custom in most European countries and has the virtue of precluding indigestion at the end of a meal when the bill is revealed to be 15 per cent higher than expected. But it also denies the customer the chance to express either appreciation of good service or disapproval of bad.

Restaurants, like the rest of the service industry, should not add generalised service charges to bills, because service is what they are already paid to provide. But the customer should retain the discretion to reward a waiter or waitress who has been especially attentive. Otherwise those waiting on tables will have little incentive to be polite and efficient. In Britain, where good service is often considered demeaning, the result is likely to be a descent into surliness.

Menus should state clearly that tips will go into waiters' pockets. But diners do not need the protection of the law. What they do need is to become more assertive. They should steel themselves to pay what the service merits, not what the restaurant decides to charge. And they should complain loudly, preferably within earshot of other customers, if a restaurant charges for service and leaves the bottom of the slip blank. Shame is the sharpest instrument of all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Who was better off under Healey?

From Mr Julian E. Humphrey

Sir, The letter from Mr Peter Thurnham, MP (January 15), shows just how out of touch this Government has become. So it was difficult to find the money for school fees with income tax at 83 per cent under Labour? My heart bleeds for him.

At least that top income tax rate on earned income only applied to a tiny proportion of the working population. Today a married man on just one and a half times average earnings pays the top rate of income tax — 40 per cent — the same as the highest earners.

Perhaps Mr Thurnham thinks this is a reasonable system that will help the Conservative Party to win the next election.

Yours faithfully,
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January 16.

From Mr Ronald Parkin

Sir, The reports by Anatole Kaletsky and Janet Bush ("Tax: how you were better off under Denis Healey" and "Only the very rich pay less income tax under the Tories", January 13) seem to me to be flawed in two respects.

First, according to Kaletsky and Bush, "for taxpayers ... what matters is the relationship between taxes and incomes, not prices". For most of us what matters is the relationship between prices and net incomes and, as the writers admit, over the relevant period pay has gone up more than prices: which, perhaps, is why so many of us feel so much better off than under Denis Healey.

Secondly, the four large categories of taxpayer to which their analysis is confined (married couple, one earner, two children; single person; married couple, both earning, one child; and married couple, both earning, no children) omit other large categories, such as well-to-do retired people; couples both earning, two children; and disabled couples — many of whom, it seems to me, are receiving benefits which did not exist in Healey's days.

Yours,
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January 13.

From Mr E. G. Nugee, QC

Sir, What are our taxes used for? To a very large extent, for the support and relief of the aged, the sick and the poor.

For generations such support and relief have formed one of the three specific legal heads of charitable purposes, and as such have been considered worthy of commendation.

I see nothing to be regretted in the fact that those whose standard of living has increased considerably during the past 14 years (including Chancellors of the Exchequer) should now be contributing a greater proportion of their income to their less fortunate fellow citizens. Nor does this particular factor seem to me to constitute a ground for condemning the Government which dispenses such support.

The greater the total wealth of the community, the more of it affluent members can, and should, devote to the needs of those less comfortably off. This is part of the biblical basic of loving one's neighbour as oneself.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr J. M. Rampton

Sir, So we were better off with Denis Healey as far as income tax is concerned — but neither your reports nor your leading article of January 13 make any mention of capital gains tax. It was a Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, Selwyn Lloyd, who introduced capital gains tax as a supposed sop to the unions. It was a second Conservative Chancellor who increased it from 30 per cent to 40 per cent, and now a third who has severely restricted allowances on capital gains tax losses.

Landowners, who suffer particularly from this tax, are now only a small minority of taxpayers, so presumably their anguished cries of unfairness can safely be ignored.

Yours faithfully,
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January 13.

From Mr Mark Howell

Sir, A family on average male earnings could be forgiven for feelings of anger toward the Government.

Through the creation in recent years of the enlarged pool of the unemployed not only must such a family's earnings expectations be depressed, and its sense of insecurity increased, but it has also been charged an extra 8 per cent income tax and 9.5 per cent VAT for the privilege of supporting that pool of the unemployed.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr J. H. Thompson

Sir, And what happened to Denis Healey? He had to go cap in hand to the IMF to be bailed out.

Yours faithfully,
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Health risks in the air we breathe

From Dr Jon Ayres

Sir, In your issue of January 12 I was headlined as saying that air pollution is "a bigger enemy than smoking". I did not say this and I do not believe it to be true. I tried to explain that we must consider not only the *numbers* of individuals potentially at risk of being affected by air pollution, but also the potential *size* of any effect, either on an individual or the population as a whole.

I drew the analogy between air pollution, where the individual effect is likely to be small, and cigarette smoking, where the individual effect is considerably greater. Thirty per cent of the population smoke cigarettes, of whom, say, one half are likely to suffer significant health effects, while 100 per cent of the population breathe outside air.

The potency of air pollution to cause health effects is very much less than that of cigarette smoke, but if a greater number are likely to be affected — albeit individually to a lesser degree — the overall effect in terms of public health load may not be dissimilar to that of cigarette smoking.

However, until we know what percentage of the population are affected by air pollution — and to what degree — we are in no position to make such comparisons.

Meanwhile, I would urge support for the Private Member's Bill on banning tobacco advertising, which is down for its second reading in February. We must attack the risks we are sure about before those whose risks are not fully known.

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr Richard Coppin

Sir, We were dismayed by the impression given in your report of January 10, "Seaside solution rescues brothers", that children with asthma requiring thrice daily treatment with a "reliever" inhaler such as Ventolin should be considered adequately controlled.

The British Thoracic Society guidelines, "Management of chronic asthma in children", which were published last year, are widely regarded as the definitive current guidance. They state that "many deaths and much unnecessary morbidity have been associated with over-reliance on bronchodilators (relievers), with under-use of inhaled and oral corticosteroid treatment".

Thus, as with the boy in your article, when regular relievers are necessary to control breathlessness, then regular "preventer" treatment, such as inhaled steroids, should be prescribed. Such measures not only reduce the danger of severe attacks but also improve exercise tolerance and other symptoms such as night cough.

Yours faithfully,
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Overton, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

From Mr Allan J. M. Hogarth

Sir, Your readers may like to know of two asthma-related research projects in Scotland, both funded by the British Lung Foundation.

Dr Neil Thomson, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, is heading a project investigating how a naturally produced hormone, atrial natriuretic peptide, can relax the muscles in the airways and reduce the effects of asthma. It is hoped this research could pave the way for the development of a whole new group of medication to tackle the effects of asthma.

At the City Hospital, Edinburgh, Dr W. Macnee is investigating the effects of ozone, one of the air pollutants highlighted in your report. His team is looking at the mechanism of the lung leakiness which is an early indication of ozone-produced injury to the lung lining.

Your readers may also be interested in our support service for those with lung disease, our free "Breathe Easy" club, and our free fact sheets, including one on air pollution and the lungs.

Yours sincerely,
ALLAN HOGARTH
(Scottish Co-ordinator,
British Lung Foundation),
Royal College of Physicians
and Surgeons,
232-242 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 2.

From Mrs H. Murphy

Sir, At this independent school we have our share of pupils with asthma and also some diabetics and others with various allergies, some of which are potentially serious in their effects. We take our responsibilities to all our children very seriously and as we are a boarding and day school we have a fully qualified matron on our staff with a team of assistants who are aware of what should be done if a child has a problem.

Children on medication are encouraged, if they feel happier, to keep their medication with them in a bum bag, so they need have no worries about delays if treatment is needed. We also have a nebuliser in surgery in case of a severe asthmatic attack and a sick bay where children are tended in cosy surroundings, with medical staff on immediate call.

Yours faithfully,
HILARY MURPHY
(Headmaster's wife),
Farleigh School, Red Rice,
Andover, Hampshire.

Broadcasting ban

From Sir Robin Day

Sir, The Irish government has lifted its ban on broadcasting by certain terrorist groups (report, January 12), with effect from January 19. But, contrary to what many people suppose, this does not mean that in the republic there is now to be unrestricted freedom of access to TV and radio by Sinn Fein or any such group.

On the contrary, the Irish broadcasting authorities will have to obey the statute which prohibits the broadcasting of "anything which may reasonably be regarded as being likely to promote or incite to crime or as tending to undermine the authority of the State". Moreover, the Irish broadcasting authorities, to ensure compliance with the above law, are instructing that interviews should be pre-recorded.

The British Government, which is reviewing the unsatisfactory way in which our ban operates, is now being urged by some simply to lift it, and by others to tighten its operation. The most reasonable course now would be for our ban to be lifted, provided that there will be in force a strong statutory prohibition, as in the Irish Republic, to prevent the broadcasters from providing any platform for the advocacy of terrorism.

The broadcasters would thus have freedom under law, which is how our democracy should work. Whether an interview or speech could lawfully be broadcast or not would be an editorial decision to be taken on legal advice in the knowledge that the question could ultimately be decided in the courts.

Terrorists and their supporters should be denied the oxygen of publicity, but this should be done not by ministerial directive but by due and normal process of law.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN DAY,
Garrick Club, Garrick Street, WC2.
January 18.

Taxpayer's title

From Mr Terrence Walton

Sir, An old solicitor I once knew used to prefix letters to inspectors of taxes to suit the former humble endings of theirs to him. He wrote: "My Dear Obedient Servant." When they write to us (letters, January 11, 15) should we not be "masters" or "employers"?

Yours faithfully,
TERRENCE WALTON,
8 Bristol House,
Southampton Row, WC1.
January 15.

The Duchess of Kent travelling the road to Rome

From Dr Sheridan Gilley

Sir, I cannot presume to speak for the Duchess of Kent, but as a Catholic convert I find more than a little patronising the recent remarks by Anglican archbishops and bishops (report, January 12) implying that Rome is an optional resting place on a meandering spiritual journey, in which the traveller is without compass or sextant or destination.

No sensible traveller sets out without a destination, and for the ordinary Catholic convert all roads lead to Rome.

I honour the many good Christians within the Church of England, which has had many saints, but I find it hard to imagine any one risking the painful and perilous pilgrimage to Rome without at least the hope that Rome has more than other churches of the light and truth of the heavenly Jerusalem.

Yours faithfully,
SHERIDAN GILLEY,
Dunelm Mount,
36 Western Hill, Durham.
January 13.

From Mr W. J. Briggs

Sir, Your lead headline on January 12 says: "Duchess of Kent joins the Catholics." As far as I am aware the Duchess of Kent is and always has been a member of the Catholic and Apostolic Church by law established in this land.

She has now joined the Roman Catholic Church, one of many nonconformist churches which exist side by side with the Established Church.

Yours etc,
W. J. BRIGGS,
Cobblers Cottage, The Tye,
East Hanningfield, Essex.
January 15.

From the Reverend Dr P. J. Galloway

Sir, Why does Dr Allen (letter, January 15) use the words "painful" and "difficult" to describe the Duchess of Kent's decision to join the Roman Catholic Church? On the front page of the same issue, you show a picture of the Duchess with a radiant smile. Clearly it was one of the happiest days of her life.

Yours sincerely,
PETER GALLOWAY,
The Vicarage,
Lyncroft Gardens, NW6.
January 15.

From Commander M. B. S. Higham, RN

Sir, It is wrong to say (reports, January 12, 13, 15) that freemasonry is incompatible with Roman Catholicism and has little truck with it. Freemasonry, as practised since the early eighteenth century in the United Grand Lodge of England, welcomes all Christian denominations and many other religions.

They all find that we do not interfere with how they practise their religion and that we expect them to follow their own faiths, whatever they are.

Yours faithfully,
M. B. S. HIGHAM
(Grand Secretary),
United Grand Lodge of England,
Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, WC2.
January 17.

From Mrs Mercia Mason

Sir, In his article, "Conversion stirs historical debate" (January 12), Andrew Pierce refers to Mary Tudor's "decision to burn thousands of protestants at the stake".

In none of my history books can I find the number of martyrdoms put at more than 282; even if some went unrecorded, it therefore seems improbable that the number would have been more than about 300.

Yours faithfully,
MERCIA MASON,
Ridge House, Jonas Lane,
Wadhurst, East Sussex.
January 12.

Voting in Suffolk

From Councillor Gene Echols

Sir, The letter from Mr John Spellar, Labour MP for Warley West (January 13), is materially incorrect.

The figures for the party make-up of Suffolk County Council are as follows: Labour, 31; Conservative, 25 (one seat lost due to member's death — by-election pending); Liberal Democrat, 19; Independent, 4.

Liberal Democrats won all but one of the county council seats in Suffolk South, which is Mr Tim Yeo's constituency.

Yours faithfully,
GENE ECHOLS
(Chairman,
Personnel sub-committee),
Suffolk County Council,
St Helen Court,
Ipswich, Suffolk.
January 13.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Costs of appeal

From Mr Brian N. D. Smith

Sir, Mr Ramnik Shah (letter, January 13) says that "no one would dream of suggesting that the judges concerned should themselves be made to pay (the costs of appeal)".

The Coroners Act 1988 provides not only that coroners are potentially liable for the costs connected with the quashing of an inquest, even where the ground is the discovery of new evidence, but also that a coroner may be fined and/or imprisoned for failure to take certain action which is often impossible to perform. So far as I am aware, coroners are now the only judicial officers who remain personally liable in costs even where no fault is alleged.

This year is the 800th anniversary of coroners being put on a proper legal footing.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN N. SMITH
(Her Majesty's Coroner for Kent,
Ashford and Shepway District),
Teagues, Flimwell,
Wadhurst, East Sussex.

A second look

From Mr John A. Aitchison

Sir, Two of the many pleasures of being a tourist in North Africa are being cleverly swindled out of small sums of money and avoiding being swindled out of large amounts by the local entrepreneurs.

I recently left a Nile ferry and purchased the previous day's copy of *The Times* at the import price from a young man with a stall of foreign newspapers. On sitting down near him to read, I was somewhat surprised when he gathered up his wares and departed very quickly indeed.

He had sold me, it emerged, a second-hand, slightly crumpled paper with the crossword torn out. I presume the copy was brought over by a tourist and the wholesaler was an aircraft cleaner at Luxor airport.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN A. AITCHISON,
5 Swanmore Road,
Bournemouth, Dorset.

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COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK
January 18: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 18: The Duke of York this morning visited Cottesmore St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School, Hove, and was received by Mr Timothy Jones (Vice Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex).
Captain Neil Blair RN and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 18: The Princess Royal, Patron, Spinal Injuries Association, this evening participated in the UK Oil and Gas Industry Quiz Evening, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.
Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 18: The Duchess of Kent this morning visited Lane Cottage Community Home for Children, Green Lane, Walton on the Naze, Essex, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Essex (The Lord Braybrooke).
Her Royal Highness later visited Acorn Village, Clacton Road, Manningtree, and this afternoon opened the Lordship Science Centre at Writtle Agricultural College, Chelmsford, Essex.
Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.
The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Epilepsy Research Foundation, this evening attended a dinner at the House of Lords, Westminster, London SW1.
Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will present the awards at the annual FEI Land Rover world three day event rider ranking luncheon at the RHA Barracks at noon; and, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend the British Apparel Export awards at the Royal Lancaster hotel at 7.20.

Princess Alexandra, as patron, will visit the Alzheimer's Disease Society's offices at 10 Greencoat Place, SW1, at 4.00.

Colonel Sir Andrew Martin

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Sir Andrew Martin, Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire 1965-1989, will be held in the Cathedral Church of St Martin, Leicester on St George's Day, April 23, 1994, at 11.30am.

Aidan and Virginia Crawley

A joint memorial service for Aidan and Virginia Crawley will be held in St Michael's, Chester Square, on Thursday, February 10, at noon.

Appointment

District Judge Nazreen Pearce to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Luncheon

The Continuing Professional Development Foundation
Mr Jonathan Harris, OBE, President of The Continuing Professional Development Foundation, was host at a Luncheon held yesterday at 6 Carlos Place. The guests included:
His Grace The Duke of Westminster, DL, Professor Tim Congdon, Dr Geoffrey Copland, Dr Kenneth Edwards, Mrs Jaqueline Gourlay, Mr Peter Morgan, Mr Lewis Orloff, Mr Robert Seabrook, QC, Mr Michael Spicer, MP, Mr Nigel Wray and Members of the Foundation's Council.

Wolfson College, Cambridge

New President
Gordon Johnson, University Lecturer in Oriental Studies (History of South Asia), Director of the Centre of South Asian Studies, and Fellow of Selwyn College has been elected President of Wolfson College.

Reception

Atlantic Council
Mr Alan Lee Williams, Director of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom, presided at a reception last night after an Atlantic Forum briefing at 154 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1. Mr Moray Stewart, Second Permanent Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence, was the guest of honour.

Church news

Provost of Portsmouth
The Rev Canon Michael Yorke, Vicar, St Margaret w St Nicholas, King's Lynn, diocese Norwich, an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral, and Canon Emeritus of Chelmsford Cathedral, is to be Provost of Portsmouth, diocese Portsmouth, succeeding the Very Rev David Stancliffe, now Bishop of Salisbury.

Archdeacon of Croydon
The Rev Antony Davies, Vicar, St John, Walworth (Southwark): to be Archdeacon of Croydon, same diocese

Appointments
The Rev Anne Melton, Parish Deacon, united benefice of Shildon w. Eldon and Assistant Director of Ordinands (Durham): to be Minister-in-Charge, Usworth Team Ministry (Washington New Town), same diocese.
The Rev Arthur Moore, Team Vicar, Ewyas Harold Team Ministry, comprising the parishes of Ewyas Harold; Dulas; Kenderchurch; Abbeydore; Bacton: Kentchurch: Llangua; Rowlestone; Llancillo; Walterstone; Kilpeck; St Devereux; Wormbridge: to be Priest-in-charge of the above parishes in the Ewyas Harold Team Ministry (Hereford).
The Rev Michael Nelson, Rector, Hexham: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral (Newcastle).
The Rev Michael Penington, Vicar, St John, Percy Main: to be Priest-in-charge, Cambois, and Chaplain to Wansbeck and Ashington Hospitals (Newcastle).
The Rev William (Bill) Raines, Chaplain, Imperial College and Kings College, Kensington and Chelsea Sites, West London Chaplaincy (Anglican Chaplaincy to the Universities and Polytechnics in London) (London): to be Priest-in-charge, St James and the Holy Innocents, Birch w. Fallowfield (Manchester).
The Rev Graham Revett, Team Rector, Cullercoats Team Ministry: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral (Newcastle).
The Rev Michael Rogers: to be Vicar, St Mary the Virgin, South Elmsall (Wakefield).
The Rev Mark Savage, Adult Education Adviser, diocese Newcastle: to be Vicar, St Cuthbert, Bedlington, same diocese.
The Rev Martin Smith, Rector, Colkirk w. Oxwick, Whissonsett, Horningtoft and Brisely: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Great w. Little Ryburgh, Gateley and Testerton (Norwich).
The Rev Kate Tristram, Warden, Marygate House, Holy Island: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral (Newcastle).
The Rev Simon Tyndall, Curate, St John the Baptist and St Andrew's, Yeovil (Bath and Wells): to be Vicar, St John the Divine, Rastrick (Wakefield).
The Rev Raymond Voden, Curate (NSM), Bideford: to be Assistant Curate, Northlew w. Ashbury, Bratton Clovelly w. Germansweek, and Vicar Designate in the Okehampton Team Ministry (Exeter).
The Rev Peter Walker, Vicar, Colchester, Old Heath, St Barnabas: to be Priest-in-charge, Colchester, St James (Chelmsford).
The Rev Terence Watson, Curate, Willesborough w. special resp. for South Willesborough: to be Assistant priest, St Michael and All Angels, Maidstone (Canterbury).
The Rev Martin Webster, Vicar, Nazeing: to be re-appointed *also* Rural Dean of Harlow (Chelmsford) for a further term.
The Rev John Williams, Vicar, Hound: to be Vicar, Highcliffe and Hinton Admiral (Winchester).

Birthdays

Mr Peter Atkinson, MP, 51; Mr Julian Barnes, author, writer, 48; Miss Nina Bawden, novelist, 69; Sir Alfred Beit, former MP, 91; the Earl of Carnarvon, 70; His Honour Sir Jonathan Clarke, 64; Mr Michael Crawford, actor and singer, 52; Mr Bernard Dunstan, painter, 74; Mr Stefan Edberg, tennis player, 28; Mr Phil Everly, singer, 55; Mr Richard Francis, racehorse trainer, 48; Lord Glentoran, 82; Mr W.K. Goldsmith, company director, 56; Mr William Hayden, former chairman, Jaguar, 65; Mr Wayne Hemingway, fashion designer, 33; Miss Patricia Highsmith, writer, 73; Mr Hans Hotter, bass baritone, 85; Sir Alex Jarratt, former chairman, Smiths Industries, 70; Mr Richard Lester, film director, 62; Mr E.C.S. Macpherson, chief executive, 3i Group, 52; Brigadier Helen Meechie, former director, WRAC, 56; Mr David Newbigging, chairman, Rentokil Group, 60; Mr Nigel Nicolson, author, 77; Mr Robert Palmer, singer, 45; Miss Dolly Parton, country music singer and actress, 48; Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, former secretary-general, United Nations, 74; Mr Simon Rattle, conductor, 39; Mr Malcolm Reilly, rugby league coach, 46; the Duke of St Albans, 55; Sir John Stanley, MP, 52; Mr Keith Topley, senior master, Queen's Bench Division, 58; Mr David Tredinnick, MP, 44; the Earl of Wemyss and March, KT, 82.

Facing up to contemporary art



JAMES MORGAN

A PASSER-BY examines Kevin Harlow's "Self-Portrait — Flaking Out", worth £1,250 and on sale at the Contemporary Art Fair from today (Alison Roberts writes). Harlow's work, a caricature of the suffering artist, comes from the Treadwell Gallery in Bradford, one of 70 showing at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London. The fair, a giant supermarket for easy purchase of new art, priced from £50 to £20,000, is expected to attract more than 20,000 people.

Works by young British artists will be on show alongside those of Chagall, Henry Moore and Ben Nicholson — made fashionable this year by the Tate's retrospective. Karsten Schubert, the gallery which represents Turner Prize winner Rachel Whiteread, comes to the fair for the first time with 25 works by Bridget Riley, dating from 1963 to 1993. Other highlights include work by Elizabeth Frink, at the Beaux Arts stand, and by Peter Howson, the official Bosnia war artist who was sponsored by *The Times*.

New collectors should begin at the "Starters' Corner" where works priced at less than £750 can be found. Shopping trolleys are not available, but a life-sized wood sculpture of a politician with his trousers around his ankles, by Kevin Harrison and also from the Treadwell Gallery, seems a topical bargain.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Watt, inventor, Greenock, 1736; Johann Bode, astronomer, Hamburg, 1747; Auguste Comte, philosopher, founder of Positivism, Montpelier, 1798; Robert E. Lee, Confederate C-in-C in the American Civil War, Stratford, Virginia, 1807; Alfred Mynn, cricketer, Goudhurst, Kent, 1807; Edgar Alan Poe, writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1809; Sir Henry Bessemer, pioneer of steel production, Charlton, Hertfordshire, 1813; Paul Cézanne, painter, Aix-en-Provence, 1839; Augustine Birrell, politician and writer, Wavertree, Lancashire, 1850; Janis Joplin, rock singer, Texas, 1943.

DEATHS: Hans Sachs, poet and dramatist, Nuremberg, 1576; William Congreve, dramatist, London, 1729; Pierre Proudhon, socialist, Paris, 1865.

The first air raid on Britain by German Zeppelins, Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn, 1915.

Dinners

Lord Hastings
Lord Hastings was host at a dinner for the Epilepsy Research Foundation in the House of Lords yesterday in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Kent. A video "Fair Play" (children with epilepsy) was shown. Sir Robin Day and Professor Alan Richens spoke.

Parliamentary and Scientific Committee
Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, was host at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons after a meeting of the committee. Sir Gordon Higginson, Vice-Chancellor of Southampton University, and Dr Eric Anderson, Head Master of Eton College, were the speakers.

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders
Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders held last night at Butchers' Hall. Mr G.A. Alton, Master, presided and Mr D. Glynn-Jones also spoke.

Royal Society of Medicine
Sir George Pinker, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Pinker, presided at a reception and dinner held last night at 1 Wimpole Street after a meeting of the council. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, was the speaker.

Ludgrove

There will be an Old Ludgrovian Cocktail Party at The Turf Club, 5 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AQ, on Tuesday, March 15, at 6 o'clock. For further details please write to: The Headmasters, Ludgrove, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG11 3AB.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.G. Besley and Miss S.H.C. Morris
The engagement is announced between Crispian, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Besley, of Wimbledon, London, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Morris, of Somerton, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.J.J. Clegg and Miss P.T. Worsley
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr Jonathan Clegg, of London, and Mrs George Chesterton, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Pollyanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Worsley, of Holkham, Norfolk.

Mr M.J. Cuthbertson and Miss E.D. Guinness
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Cuthbertson, of Wareham, Dorset, and Dawn, younger daughter of the late Canon and Mrs Gordon Guinness, of Bournemouth, Dorset.

Mr E. Dimsdale and Miss K. Porter
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Dimsdale, of Barkway, Hertfordshire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Porter, of Brighouse, West Yorkshire.

Mr T.B. Fewings and Miss N.S.A. Reid
The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald Fewings, of Camberley, Surrey, and Nicola, youngest daughter of the late Mr David Reid and of Mrs Brian O'Rorke, of Durweston, Dorset.

Mr C.S.St J. Owen and Miss V. Prickett
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Captain D.G. Owen and Mrs Pat Owen, and Vanessa, elder daughter of Mrs Susan Prickett, of Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr A.J.S. Pimblett and Miss C.N. Williams
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs J.H.S. Pimblett, of Hereford, and Charmaine, daughter of Mr John Williams and Mrs Enid Williams, of Cwmbran.

Mr R.O.D. Power and Miss G.H.I. Abegg
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Power, of Cowes, Isle of Wight, and Gabriele, eldest daughter of Mr Georg Abegg and Mrs Brigitte Abegg, of Bremen, Germany.

Dr J.V. Stobart and Miss L.J. Cryer
The engagement is announced between Jon, younger son of the Rev Tom and Mrs Stobart, of Tarporley, Cheshire, and Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Cryer, of Bramhall, Cheshire.

Marriages

Mr T.G. Packe and Miss S. Ready
The marriage took place on Saturday, January 15, at St Michael's, Cornhill, of Mr Tom Packe, elder son of Mr and Mrs William Packe, to Miss Sally Ready, younger daughter of Mrs John Ready and the late Major John Ready.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr Simon Redman, was attended by Olivia Packe, Sarah Cole, Helena Stibbard, Edward Chapman-Campbell and Freddie Packe. Mr Andrew Packe was best man.
A reception was held at Drapers' Hall and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr H.S. Zu'bi and Mrs H.B. Hussami
The marriage took place on January 6, 1994, in Beirut, Lebanon, between Hatim Sharif Zu'bi, Hon GBE, of Bahrain, and Kensington, London, and Judge Hassana Hussami, of Beirut.

University news

Queen's Belfast
Appointments:
To the Chair of Modern History - Dr David Hempton, a Reader in Modern History at Queen's. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in 1985. One of his books was awarded the Whitfield Prize by the Royal Historical Society the previous year.
To a senior lectureship/post of consultant in Molecular Medicine and Nephrology - Dr Alexander Maxwell
To a lectureship/post of senior registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology - Dr Neil McClure
To a lectureship in Inorganic Chemistry - Dr Christer Bjorn Aakeroy
To a lectureship in Applied Plant Science - Dr Trevor James Gilliland
To a lectureship in Food Science - Lorna Lawrence
To temporary lectureships in Medical Education - Helena McNally and Margaret Ita Boohan.
To a temporary lectureship in Electrical and Electronic Engineering - Conor Patrick O'Donoghue
To a temporary lectureship in Town and Country Planning - Kenneth Walter Sterrett
To a temporary (six-month) lectureship in Medieval History - Mark Philpott.
Promotion
Dr David Livingstone, a Reader in the School of Geosciences, has been promoted to professor.
Honorary Professorships
Honorary Professor, in the School of Agriculture and Food Science: Dr Christopher Gibson, Senior Principal Scientific Officer, Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland: and Dr William Ellis, Deputy Director, Veterinary Science Division, Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.
Honorary Professor, in the school of Clinical Medicine: Dr Brew Atkinson, Consultant in Endocrinology and Metabolism in the Royal Victoria Hospital; and Professor Jennifer Adgey, Consultant Cardiologist in the Royal Group of Hospitals.
Honorary Lectureships
The title of Honorary Lecturer, in the School of Clinical Medicine, conferred on the following in 1988, has been renewed for five years:
Dr Joyce Ardill, Consultant Clinical Scientist, Royal Victoria Hospital; Dr Harith Al-Lamki, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal Victoria, Royal Maternity and Belfast City Hospitals; Dr John Nelson, Senior Physician, Ulster Hospital; and Victor Boston, Senior Consultant in Paediatric Surgery, Northern Ireland.
Distinctions
Professor of Microelectronics Engineering John McCanny has been appointed to the SERC/Department of Trade and Industry joint VLSI Technology Committee.
University Librarian Norman Russell has been appointed to the Joint Funding Councils' Libraries Review Group.
Professor of Politics Elizabeth Meehan to the Chair of the Political Studies Association.
Professor Emeritus
The title has been conferred on Dr Ivor Maddox, Professor of Pure Mathematics at Queen's from 1971 to 1993; and Dr Benjamin Moiseiwitsch, Professor of Applied Mathematics from 1968 to 1993.

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Let Israel look for the Lord. For in the Lord is love unfailing, and great is his power to deliver.
Psalm 130: 7 (REB)

BIRTHS

BAYLISS - On 23rd December 1993, to Nicole and Mark, a son, Samuel Patrick, a brother for Benjamin.

BILLEAU - On 17th January at Kingston Hospital, to Clare and Simon, a son, Thomas Michael Guy.

BILLSON - On January 12th in Johannesburg, to Letitia and Timothy, a son, Byron Scott Hew.

BURLING - On January 14th at home, to Helen (née Williams) and Thomas, a daughter, Megan Lucy, a sister for Emily.

BUTLER - On 17th January, to Sophie and Edward, a son, Robin Augustus, a brother for Augusta watching in Heaven.

GATEHOUSE - On January 11th 1994, to Fenella (née Buchanan) and Simon, a son, Henry Orlando Piers, a brother for Benedict and Alfie and remembering Florence with love forever.

HERON - On January 17th, to Wendy (née Adkins) and James, a son, Max.

HIGHAM - On 17th January at The Portland Hospital, to Catherine (née Ennis) and John, a daughter, Cecily Mary Catherine.

JONES - On 16th January 1994 in Hong Kong, to Jane (née Walker) and Michael, a son, Joe, a brother for Sam.

LEBUS - On 14th January, to Rachel (née Morton) and Matthew, a son, Joseph John, a brother to Benjamin.

NEWLAND - On January 15th, to Harriet (née Leighton) and Andrew, a son, Oliver David Robert, a brother for Rupert, Claudia and William.

PALLETT - On 13th January, to Ann (née Park) and Julian, a daughter, Claudia McAmmond.

PENNICK - On January 6th 1994 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Laura (née Boyle) and Deane, a daughter, Anastasia Laura.

RITCHIE - On 9th January 1994, to Joshua and Caroline (née House), a daughter.

ROSENBERG - On January 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Laura Mayers and Michael, a handsome son, Samuel Lawrence, a brother for Joshua Ethan.

SPEKE - On 7th January, to Jacqui and Jeff, a beautiful daughter, Venetia Rosalind.

DEATHS

BEARDSON - On January 10th, in Hong Kong, Hilda, peacefully at the home of her son. Dearly loved mother of Timothy, and beloved sister of Vera and Tom. Details of the memorial service to be announced.

BISHOP - On 16th January, peacefully, at The Sue Ryder Home, Richard William Noel (Bill), aged 81 years. Cremation at St Helen's Crematorium, Friday 21st January at 1 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to The Sue Ryder Foundation, Birchley Hall, Billinge, near Wigan, Lancs.

BRUNSDON - On January 18th 1994 at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London, Roger Victor aged 76 years. Dearly loved husband of Gilberte (née Lenaerts) and a loving father and grandfather. Funeral Requiem at St Saviour's Church, Warwick Avenue, London W9, at 1 pm on Tuesday January 25th followed by private cremation. Flowers to Leverton and Sons Ltd, Funeral Directors, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 by 10 am or donations to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers c/o Leverton and Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors.

CLARK - Audrey Betty (née Towroe). Born 20th June 1923, died suddenly 16th January 1994. Sister of Ben, wife of Stanley, mother of Eric and Elaine, grandmother to Nicky and James. We mourn the loss of a kind, loving, caring, selfless and dutiful lady. Audentus Fortuna Iuvat. Cremation service at the Isle of Wight Crematorium Whippingham, I.O.W. Flowers to be sent to H.V. Taylor & Son Ltd., 45 Green Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

CLIFFORD - On Saturday 8th January 1994 peacefully in his sleep, Peterson (Peter) Miller, beloved husband of Gwenneth and father of Edmund and Humphrey. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7 (B552) at 3.15 pm on Friday 21st January, followed by cremation at Hendon Crematorium Holders Hill Road at 4 pm and afterwards refreshments at St Paul's Church Hall. No flowers please but if so desired donations to Christian Aid may be sent c/o Stonebridge Funeral Service, 101 High Street, Edgware HA8 7DB. Enquiries 081 952 0210. A Thanksgiving Service for Peter Clifford's life and work will be held at 2 pm on Thursday 10th February also at St Paul's Church, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, followed by refreshments in St Paul's Church Hall.

COMBS - Sir Willis Ide KCVO, CMG, on January 13th 1994. Funeral will be held at Wadhurst Parish Church on January 24th at 2.45 pm. All enquiries to Waterhouse and Sons (0435) 882219.

COX - On January 14th at Amesbury Abbey Deedee, widow of Major General W.R. Cox C.B. D.S.O. and mother of John Daly. Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Monday 24th January at 1.30 pm. Flowers or donations to The Stroke Association may be sent c/o Burdens Funeral Directors, Amesbury. (0980) 623262.

CROCKFORD - On 18th January 1994 at Overstone, Hexham, Northumberland, Doris Ellen Crockford (née Brookes-Smith) aged 96 years, died peacefully in her sleep. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh, at 1.45 pm on Tuesday 25th January 1994. Flowers may be sent to J. Bardgett & Sons, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. Rest in peace.

ENTHOVEN - On January 17th, in hospital near his home in France, Adrian Charles, beloved husband of Penny and father of Stephen and Christopher. Funeral private.

FOSTER - Gwendoline Marjorie on 16th January. Service at Eastbourne Crematorium 26th January. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Age Concern c/o Seaford Funeral Service, 22 Sutton Road, Seaford.

FREY - George died peacefully on January 14th. Very beloved father of Sara and Roberta and grandfather to Lucy and Victoria. Very special friend to many especially Caryl. Will be very greatly missed. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 3 pm on Friday January 21st. Enquiries to Mears & Cotterill, 169 Merton Road, SW18. Flowers by 2 pm on Friday. All welcome.

FULFORD-WILLIAMS - On January 16th, peacefully after some years of cheerful endurance, Henry Charles Ralph, much loved and loving husband of Diana, dear father and grandfather. Funeral, West Anstey Church, Tuesday 25th January at 2.30 pm. Donations in his memory to Musgrove Leukaemic Group, Taunton, c/o H.N. Blackmore & Sons, 116 East Street, South Molton, Devon.

GIVAN - On January 16th at the Norman Hudson Nursing Home, Huddersfield, very peacefully with his Lord whom he had served in Yorkshire and in Africa, Rev. Canon Desmond George Givan aged 82 years of Huddersfield. A dearly loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Service takes place at Holy Trinity Church, Huddersfield, on Monday January 24th at 2 pm to be followed by cremation at the Huddersfield Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations in lieu if desired to The Church Missionary Society, Partnership House, 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UU.

HAWKER - On January 16th peacefully in Lymington Hospital, John, aged 87 years. Funeral Service at St Thomas' Church, Lymington, on Monday January 24th at 11.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired for R.N.L.I. c/o Diamond and Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

HEATH - Peacefully on 17th January 1994, Vivienne Stella, aged 85 years, of Kings Lynn. Dear aunt to Alan, Judy, Crispin and Robin. Funeral Service at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn, Friday January 21st at 10 am.

HOUSE - On January 16th 1994, peacefully in London, Marjorie Stracey, aged 88, widow of Harry Wilfred House. Funeral, Stutton Church, near Ipswich, Saturday 22nd January at 12 noon. Flowers (or if preferred, donations made payable to Christian Aid) to Farthing Singleton & Hastings, 650 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich IP4 4PW, by 10 am, Saturday.

LANE - Evelyn Miriam Seaber (née Long), dearest friend of Edward Searle and loving mother of Martin and Vincent, died peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital on Sunday 16th January 1994. Funeral Service at The New Chapel, Cambridge City Crematorium, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, on Tuesday 25th January at 12 noon. No flowers. Donations if desired to Addenbrookes Hospital Cancer Research, Hills Road, Cambridge.

LISTER - Gillian, on January 17th 1994, after a short illness. Widow of Eric, loving mother of Charles and Jane, darling granny to Tom, Sophie and Harry. Funeral Service at St Faiths Crematorium, Norwich, on Tuesday 25th January at 11.30 am. Flowers to Foulgers Funerals c/o Flint House, Long Stratton, Norfolk.

MITCHELL - Maisie (née Cadman), beloved wife of Denis Noel Mitchell and sister of Hilda Fidler and Doris Fidler of Sheffield, died suddenly at home in Radlett on 16th January 1994. Maisie was much loved by all her relatives and friends. May she now rest in peace. No flowers but donations to Dr. Barnardos.

MORGAN - Evelyn Margorie (Joe) aged 90 on 15th January, peacefully. Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael & All Angels, Clifton Hampden, near Abingdon, Oxon. Tuesday 25th January at 12 noon. Flowers to the church.

PASSMORE - On 17th January 1994 peacefully at her home in Rushock, Worcestershire (formerly of West Wittering), Eileen Barbara, in her 92nd year. Widow of Brian Alfred Passmore, much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. Funeral 3 pm Rushock Church, Wednesday 26th January, followed by burial at Barming, Kent, at 3 pm on Friday 28th January. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Sue Ryder Foundation, Cavendish, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 8AY.

RAMKHALAWAN - On 16th January 1994, suddenly but peacefully, Roy, dearly loved husband of Martine and beloved father of Laura. Last respects can be paid at Kenyons, 83 Westbourne Grove, London W2 from 12 noon Thursday 20th January. The funeral service will be held at 4.30 pm Friday 21st January at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11. Family flowers only but donations to The British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge St, London W1.

RAMSDEN - Hartley (E.H. Ramsden - Writer and Art Philosopher), life colleague of Margot Eates, MBE, on 16th January 1994. Funeral Service at The Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, at 11 am on Monday 24th January. Cut flowers only please to Leverton & Sons Ltd, of 212 Eversholt Street, NW1 1BD by 8 am.

REID - Kathleen, peacefully in London on 16th January. Dearly loved mother of Anthony, Amanda (Marx) and David. Funeral private. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital Fund. Thanksgiving service to be held in March.

RYDER RICHARDSON - Joan Mary, on 15th January peacefully at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Funeral at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Whitchurch, Bucks, on Monday 24th January 1994 at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to S.J. Cupp & Sons, Whitchurch, Aylesbury, Bucks, or donations, if so wished, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund (CRMF). Aylesbury Vale Appeal, The Old Forge, High Street, North Marston, Buckingham, K18 3PD.

SPENCER - On Saturday 15th January 1994, suddenly but peacefully, Phyllis, widow of Brigadier J.L. (Bill) Spencer, Royal Hampshire Regiment, of Crawley, near Winchester. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Crawley, at 11.45 am on Wednesday 26th January, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please, but donations may be sent to The Girl Guides Association Winchester Division c/o Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester, Hants.

SYMONDS - George Osborn, Captain O.B.E., D.S.C., Royal Navy, died 15th January at home. Adored husband of Primrose and the late Lilian. Funeral Service on 26th January at Canford Crematorium, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol at 11.40 am. Donations if desired may be sent to Association of Royal Navy Officers c/o Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherborne, Dorset, tel: (0935) 813479.

TRANMIRE - On 17th January, Robert Hugh, Baron Tranmire of Upsall, PC, KBE, MC, DL. Beloved husband of Ruby and dearly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral St Mary's Church, Firsk, 12 noon Friday 21st January. Memorial Service in London to be arranged. No flowers but donations to Lambert Memorial Hospital, Firsk.

WALLIS - Maisie, aged 91 on January 17th at Tidcombe Hall, Tiverton, after a long illness but indomitable to the last. She will be sorely missed by her many friends of all ages including those at the Girl Guide Association. Cremation private in Exeter. Maisie's ashes will be scattered at Putney Vale Crematorium next to her beloved son Tim who died in 1967. No flowers at her request but donations may be sent to The Marie Curie Centre, Tidcombe Hall, Tiverton or The Injured Jockeys Fund. Enquiries to W.H. Squires Funeral Directors, 11 Wellbrook Street, Tiverton, tel: (0884) 253021.

WELSH - On January 16th, peacefully in Leamington Spa, Joan Monica (née Oakford) aged 85, formerly of Chorlton cum Hardy, Manchester. Widow of Robert James and mother of Malcolm, Sidney and Barbara. Funeral Service on Tuesday 25th January at 1pm at St Mark's Church, Leamington Spa, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood. Flowers may be sent to H.J. Dawson, 22 George Street, Leamington Spa.

WEST - On January 17th 1994, after a period of illness, bravely fought with great dignity, Lt Cdr. Peter West, a much loved husband of Meg and father of Rory and Alex. Funeral Service at St Barnabas Church, Queen Camel, on Monday January 24th at 11:00 hours, followed by burial at St Bartholomew's, Yeovilton Village. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation or St Bartholomew's Fleet Air Arm Church, please make cheques payable to the charity of your choice c/o Mr Harold F Miles, Funeral Director, South Cadbury, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 7ES, telephone: (0963) 40367.

WHITE - On 16th January peacefully at Arthur Rank House, Cambridge, after an illness bravely borne, Susan Mala aged 60. Much loved daughter, cousin and godmother. She will be greatly missed by all her family, friends and colleagues at the Foreign Office. Requiem Mass at the Roman Catholic Church of St Laurence, 91 Milton Road, Cambridge, at noon on Monday 24th January, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Macmillan Cancer Care Appeal (Cambridge and District) Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Freepost, CB1156, Cambridge CB4 1BR.

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GARDNER - A Memorial Service for Raymond Gardner will take place at 12 noon on Tuesday 15th February 1994 at St Clement Danes Church, Strand WC2.

PATON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Professor Sir William Paton will be held at the University Church, St Mary the Virgin, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday 29th January at 12 noon.

WATTS - Services of Thanksgiving for the life of Hugh will be held at Bodmin Abbey on Friday 28th January at 11.30 am and at Downside Abbey on Friday 18th February at 11.30 am.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LOVE - June, Jaid and Andrew would like to express their warmest thanks to all family, friends and colleagues for their support and many kind expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss. They would like to offer particular thanks to the Rev. Macmillan and the Rev. Haslett for their comfort and conduct of the funeral service, the soloist and the staff of St Giles Cathedral and the staff at Mortonhall Crematorium for their good offices, Sir David Nickson and Peter Brazier for their well chosen and comforting words, also Scotmid Funeral Directors for their professional assistance with all arrangements. The donations for the Scottish Children's Hospice are very much appreciated.

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OBITUARIES

EUGENE IVANOV

Eugene (Yevgeny) Ivanov, the Soviet intelligence officer whose liaison with Christine Keeler led to the resignation of the Conservative War Minister John Profumo in 1963, was found dead in his Moscow flat on January 17 aged 68. He was born on January 11, 1926.



WHEN the Profumo scandal burst on the British public in June of 1963 by far its most potent ingredient, amid a riot of salacious as well as comic detail, was the knowledge that the British Secretary of State for War and a Russian spy had been sharing the sexual favours of the same girl, Christine Keeler. Earlier, in March 1963, Profumo had assured the House of Commons that there was "no impropriety" in his relationship with the glamorous teenage model and showgirl. Then, after hurrying back from a family holiday in Italy, he resigned his office and his parliamentary seat, admitting in a letter to Harold Macmillan that he had lied to the House about the degree of his involvement with Keeler.

After three months of persistent rumours and innuendo in the popular press including hints that Miss Keeler was a goodtime girl — that she smoked marijuana (still regarded as a somewhat lurid and degenerate pastime in those far-off days), that she frequented low dives, that she had been shot at by another, jealous, lover — the Profumo resignation letter caused a mixture of profound shock and undisguised glee. While *The Times* thundered "IT *IS* a MORAL ISSUE" and instructed the Conservative Party faithful to call for a return to " . . . 'blood, sweat, and tears' instead of to the fleshpots . . . ", others were more alive to the danger to national security implicit in Ivanov's involvement in Profumo's ill-judged *affaire du coeur*. The scandal delivered what was effectively the *coup de grâce* to Harold Macmillan's tottering reputation and paved the way for a Labour victory at the polls a year later, after 13 years of Conservative rule.

Ivanov, at that time an assistant naval attaché at the Soviet Embassy, but also an intelligence officer, had already been sent home. There, his subsequent appointment to a fleet auxiliary in the Black Sea suggested something less than total official approval of his involvement with Keeler. But in later years he was inclined to put a more roseate gloss on his role.

In his memoirs, *The Naked Spy*, published in 1992 he wrote of the valuable information he had been able to glean from his association with Britain's ruling classes, through the society homoeopath Stephen Ward who introduced him to the 3rd Viscount Astor and his social circle. And in 1993, after meeting Christine Keeler again in Moscow, he made her a gallant apology for having slept with her merely in the hope of gleaning some military secrets from her liaison with Profumo. But by that stage, with a memory doubtless impaired by fifty years of relentless drinking, Ivanov may have forgotten in the nostalgia of the moment that only the previous year he had written that he had only slept with Keeler because she was a "bimbo", and had not even bothered to tell his party bosses about her.

Eugene Ivanov had joined the Soviet Embassy staff in London on March 27, 1960. The Security Service (*MI5*) soon discovered that he was also an agent but that caused no surprise. His English conversation was good but it was observed that he drank heavily, liked hobnobbing with the upper classes and was something of a ladies' man.

It was through Stephen Ward, a successful artist as well as an osteopath with consulting rooms in the West End and a rented cottage on Viscount Astor's Cliveden estate in Berkshire, that he met Keeler. The cottage was a noted party spot and Ward often took pretty girls there, either for his own use or to introduce them to people of rank and wealth among his clients.

In his memoirs Ivanov recalled that he had been attracted to Christine Keeler after seeing her frolicking in the Cliveden swimming-pool with Profumo in the summer of 1961. Since he could see there was "obviously something going on" between the call girl and the War Minister he thought, he claimed, of using the association as a possible lever for prising out some of Britain's defence secrets, by seducing her *himself*. He subsequently, somewhat unchivalrously, said that after an hour or so's conversation with her he came to the conclusion that she was unlikely to make a useful conduit of military information of any great significance. But he slept with her anyway: "She was a half literate lass only good for showing her legs. Was I going to get her to ask [Profumo] about atomic secrets?"

Meanwhile, Stephen Ward, later to be reviled as "utterly immoral" in Lord Denning's report on the affair, published in 1963, was under the impression that MI5 wanted to make use of his friendship with Ivanov, to lure him into indiscretions that might compromise him. MI5, it has subsequently emerged, even thought of Ivanov as a potential defector and a valuable one at that.

In the event it was from the Profumo involvement in this triangular affair and not from Ivanov's that things began to go disastrously wrong. Keeler's life was of that colourful sort whose details were not easy to keep under wraps. Two subsequent, successive relationships with "Lucky" Gordon and John Edgecome, led to violent jealousy between the two men, both of whom claimed exclusive rights to her.

Edgecome called round on Keeler as she visited her friend Mandy Rice-Davies, then living with Ward, and fired shots at her.

When he was charged with this and with slashing Gordon in a West End night club two months previously, rumours began to surface in the popular press about the other, more interesting, associations of this *femme fatale*.

Towards the end of 1962 Keeler sold her story to the *Sunday Pictorial* giving details of her relations with both Profumo and Ivanov. The growing cloud of rumour and some pointed interventions in a late night debate brought Profumo on March 22, 1963, to the House of Commons where he uttered his mendacious denial. But it had also been the the end for Ivanov in Britain. The Soviet GRU (military intelligence) seems to have disapproved of what it saw as Ivanov's entrapment methods of extracting information, although they were widely used by its "civilian" counterpart, the KGB.

Ivanov was recalled to Moscow. There, notwithstanding his subsequent protests that he had actually done rather well in helping topple a British Conservative Government and letting in a left-wing socialist administration, he was cold-shouldered ever afterwards and soon disappeared into retirement.

His first marriage collapsed, childless, in the wake of the Keeler revelations. A second foundered also. Subsequently, so did the sovereign state Ivanov had served as a spy. Thereafter there remained only his memoirs and the gimmicky meeting in Moscow with the once ravishingly beautiful model to sustain his interest in life. Much water had flowed under the bridges of both in the intervening years and their recollections of events did not always coincide.

Latterly Ivanov drank more heavily than ever and suffered from deep depression. He was found dead in the hallway of his Moscow flat by friends who had called round to help him celebrate in the wake of his 68th birthday.

LORD TRANMIRE

Lord Tranmire, PC, KBE, MC, Father of the House of Commons, 1966-74, and a former Minister of Health, died on January 17 aged 90. He was born on August 8, 1903.



ROBIN TURTON, as he was generally known before he was made a life peer in 1974, was first elected to the House of Commons in 1929, the same year as R. A. Butler. After the general election of 1964, they were the two members with the longest unbroken spell of parliamentary service. With characteristic modesty, Turton agreed that, as a mark of honour to an outstanding Conservative statesman, Butler should be recognised as Father of the House. When, however, Butler was created a peer on his appointment as Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, Turton succeeded to this essentially honorific post. For many years he had been chairman of the Commonwealth Industries Association and had been prominent in opposing Britain's entry to the European Community.

Turton was a county member of the type which has now virtually disappeared from life at Westminster. A landowner and farmer in the North Riding — where he lived at Upsall Castle — he entered Parliament at the age of 26. He was practising as a barrister on the North-Eastern Circuit and at short notice he succeeded his uncle, Sir Edmund Turton, who had been Conservative member for Thirsk and Malton from 1914 until his death in 1929.

Robin Turton was not politically ambitious and he sat on the back benches in the Commons for 22 years before being given any ministerial office. From 1951 onwards he served successively as parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance and as a joint parliamentary under-secretary to the Foreign Office. In December 1955 Turton was appointed by Sir Anthony Eden to be Minister of Health, in succession to Iain Macleod. He was not a success and he held the office for only a little over a year, offering his resignation, which was accepted, when Harold Macmillan took over as Prime Minister in January 1957.

Robert Hugh Turton was the younger son of Major R. B. Turton, of Kildale Hall, York. From Eton he went to Balliol College, Oxford, and afterwards read law. He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1926. In the chambers of Willoughby Jardine, KC, in Leeds, one of his contemporaries was the late Sir Harry Hylton-Foster, later to be Speaker of the House of Commons. In 1929, when his uncle died on the eve of a general election, Turton was hurriedly adopted as the new Conservative candidate for Thirsk and Malton, a constituency covering 600 square miles. He was duly elected and was one of the youngest members of that Parliament.

In his first year in the House he initiated and managed to get passed into law a Private Member's Bill to assist poor persons with legal aid in the lower courts. He retired from his practice at the Bar to devote himself to his parliamentary duties and to the management of the estate which he had also inherited from his uncle.

When the Second World War came, Turton served first as a regimental officer with the 4th Green Howards and afterwards as a staff officer with the 50th (Northumbrian) Division. He took part in the North African campaign and in 1942 was awarded the Military Cross. He was honorary colonel of the 4/5th Battalion, The Green Howards (TA), 1963-67.

For the greater part of his parliamentary career Turton soldiered along as a backbencher and enjoyed increasing influence in the party as a level-headed senior member of ripe experience who rarely took any extreme line. He had served as chairman of the Select Committee on Estimates and was active on many of his party's parliamentary committees. In the early 1970s he decided that he would be too old to serve in another Parliament and gave notice to his constituents that he would not seek re-election. Appointed KBE in 1971, he was created a life peer on his retirement from the Commons. He also served as a deputy lieutenant for what used to be the North Riding of Yorkshire, where he also sat as a Justice of the Peace.

Turton married in 1928 Ruby Christian, daughter of Robert T. Scott of Sevenoaks, who survives him, as do three sons and a daughter, one son having predeceased him.

JOAN AUTEN

Joan M. Auten, a veteran of more than four decades of service at the American embassy, died of pneumonia on January 7 at Wellington Hospital, London, aged 76. She was born on October 1, 1917.

JOAN AUTEN, who served under 14 American ambassadors to London, was internationally known in diplomatic circles for her expertise in the logistics of handling official visitors and international conferences. She had done this at the American embassy, from the Second World War until her retirement in 1984. During her 44-year tenure she was in charge of the visits of every American President to Britain, and also supervised co-ordination for major summit conferences.

Joan Auten was the daughter of the British naval hero, Captain Harold Auten, who received the Victoria Cross for his First World War submarine exploits. President Truman presented him with the Legion of Merit, the highest US military honour that can be accorded to a foreign national, for his efforts in protecting the American east coast in the Second World War.

As a business associate of the American Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy in the pioneer film company, RKO Pathé, Auten introduced his daughter to the diplomat who hired her for the correspondence section at the embassy. There she came to know most of the Kennedy family, including the ambassador's second son who became the 35th President of the United States. In 1961 she was in charge of arrangements for President Kennedy's official visit to the United Kingdom.

In 1942 she was appointed personal secretary to Ambassador John G. Winant, who recognised her organisational abilities. A year later she formed the Official Visitors Office at the Embassy, which she headed for the next 42 years.

In her London position, often requiring great tact, she came to know all US Presidents and often their families, cabinet members, hundreds of members of Congress, as well as ranking British officials. She was widely recognised for her personal diplomatic skills in complex political and international matters of a sensitive nature. One of the frequently recounted incidents of her career arose over President Carter's official visit to Britain in 1977. The huge entourage had been booked in at Claridge's Hotel, but when the arriving President learnt that White House staff would be staying at such an expensive location, he immediately ordered a cancellation of the booking.

Within an hour Joan Auten persuaded the management of the fully-booked Britannia Hotel to vacate its rooms to accommodate the presidential party. All Britannia guests were re-booked at the hotel's expense.

Her abilities in consular affairs, passport matters, and general embassy skills were often appreciated by numerous Congressional figures. In a Senate floor tribute in 1980, former Majority Leader Howard Baker said: "She has probably done more to foster friendship between the United States and Great Britain in the past 40 years than all the diplomats of either country put together . . ."



At her retirement in June 1984 President Ronald Reagan presented her with the Presidential Award for Special Service, one of the highest honours accorded a civilian. Speaking at a ceremony at Winfield House, the ambassador's residence, the 40th President declared: "Joan Auten has played a leading role in promoting the friendship and dialogue between our two democracies."

In addition to her organisational abilities, Joan Auten was well known in London for her long-running commitment to the cause of the health and safety of children. She was put in charge of the evacuation efforts when thousands of British children were sent to the United States at the beginning of the Second World War. For years she was an official and a programme director of the Variety Club of Great Britain, which annually produces events and successful fund-raising occasions for over 5,000 disadvantaged children in the London area.

She was an active volunteer at the Great Ormond Street Hospital's special children's disease centre. During 1993 she spearheaded the structuring of the European Council of Pillars of Freedom, an international foundation which commemorates the wartime relationship of Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt, as a means of fostering peace through business and trade. She leaves no survivors.

ELVIRE POPESCO

Elvire Popesco, Romanian-born actress who became a veteran a star of the Paris theatre died in Paris on December 11 aged 97. She was born in Bucharest on May 10, 1896.

A STATUESQUE and vivacious blonde, Elvire Popesco took Paris by storm in the 1920s after a meteoric early career in her native Bucharest which began with the role of Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet* at the National Theatre at the age of 16.

Her success was such that many noted playwrights of the time wrote specially for her. She went on to become a film actress and postwar theatre manager, having charge of her own theatre at the age of 23.

She went to Paris in 1923 where she starred in 1,000 performances of the comedy, *My Cousin from Warsaw*. Thereafter, she forsook tragedy and became a queen of comedy usually in the role of an exuberant, rather eccentric foreigner.

She also made numerous films, including one with Maurice Chevalier. One notable, non-comic performance, was that of Napoleon's mother in Abel Gance's *Austerlitz* (1959). She continued to be extremely active on stage until the age of 85.

In 1987, she was given a Molière, the top drama award, for her lifelong contribution to the theatre.

THOMAS GLASSE

Thomas Glasse, CMG, MVO, MBE, former head of the Foreign Office protocol department, died on January 5 aged 95. He was born on July 14, 1898.

FROM being a boy clerk in the Post Office, Tom Glasse rose to become a counsellor in the Foreign Office, liaising with all the foreign embassies in Britain. In spite of relatively humble origins — he was the son of a London butler — and the lack of a university degree, he was always at home in the corridors of power and at state occasions.

Thomas Henry Glasse won a scholarship to Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, but left school in 1914 to support his mother.

He was conscripted for the First World War, serving in the Middlesex Regiment.

In 1919 he returned to his clerk's job at the Post Office, but transferred to the Foreign Office two years later. He travelled frequently and widely, especially as head of the protocol department. In 1961 he was Britain's delegate at the Vienna conference on diplomatic relations.

Shortly after that he retired, to devote his time to his many private interests, which included classical music, carpentry, photography, gardening and travel — especially in Austria which he loved.

Sadness was soon to overtake his married life. In 1965 he set off with his wife Jo, the girl next door whom he had married 30 years earlier, for a long-anticipated holiday in Peru. On the sea voyage out, however, his wife died from a sudden heart attack and had to be buried on his arrival in the Andes.

He married his second wife, Ethel, a year later only to see her die from Parkinson's disease in 1985. In 1988 he married for the third time, his Swiss-born wife Maria having been his second wife's nurse. But she then fell victim to motor neurone disease and died three years ago.

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THE MARRIAGE OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
ST. PETERSBURG, JAN. 14

The Duke of Edinburgh, as your readers know, has been for some time at St. Petersburg, lodged in the Winter Palace. His Royal Highness has been joining in the private life and amusements of the Imperial circle, and though the pen of a Court Newsman might find suitable material in the skating of yesterday and the sleighing of today, and though the wedding is scarcely a week off, nothing has happened which makes it necessary to encumber your columns before their time. Nevertheless, St. Petersburg is in such "a flutter of expectation" that it is no wonder if pens follow the examples of tongues, and begin busying themselves with matters about which there is really very little to be said that is worth saying until they actually occur. The great personages who are to attend the wedding on the English side have all left London, but none of them have yet arrived here. They travel in three flights: the Dean of Westminster's party having started on Friday, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince Arthur, and their suites on Saturday, while the Lord Chamberlain leads a rear-guard of heavily-laced courtiers. Dean Stanley is expected in St. Petersburg before the end of the week, and will thus be just in time to witness the ceremonies of the Russian Epiphany. He will preach next Sunday in the English Church, before the English Princes, and we may be sure that every Englishman in St. Petersburg will be of the congregation.

It is understood that the wedding is fixed for the 22d, but there seems a floating doubt whether it may not be solemnized a day or two later. The service according to the Greek rite will be performed in the chapel of the Winter Palace, and as this will not hold half the people who are well entitled to be present, and as great Dukes and Counts cannot be expected—in Russia at least—to make room for newspaper correspondents, it is only natural that the narrow dimensions of the chapel should fill artists and penmen with alarm. It would, no doubt, be lamentable if the interest the English people take in the marriage were to be balked by an insufficient description of it; but the Russian authorities are so courteous and obliging, and have shown such a disposition to do their utmost, that we may be sure every reasonable facility will be given. The English service will be performed by Dean Stanley in the Alexander Hall of the Winter Palace. The marriage will be over by 4 o'clock, and will be followed by a great Palace breakfast, or banquet. In the evening there will of course be illuminations, and in three days, it is stated, the Duke of Edinburgh will bring his Bride back again from Tsarskoe Zelo, and then the whole capital will plunge into galeties, one item in which will be at least a score, so gossip says, of splendid balls. These will be followed by the festivities at Moscow, and the only certain clue to the end of the great carnival is that the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh are to be in England by the 5th of March. Then the *fêtes* will begin again with the London season.

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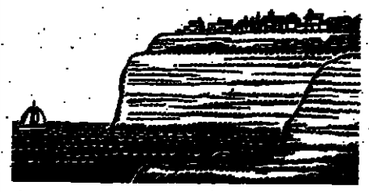
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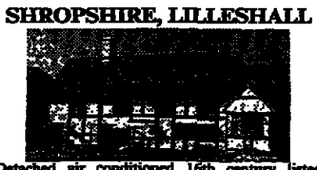
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The year price cuts were news

Brian MacArthur looks back at 1993, when seven papers increased their sales and the trend of people buying fewer and fewer was firmly reversed

When *The Daily Telegraph* cut its price from two-pence to a penny in 1930, sales doubled within months and its owner Lord Camrose laid the foundations of its success for the next 60 years.

Journalists will remember 1993 as the year when two national newspapers cut their prices for the first time since 1930. Now that the Audit Bureau of Circulation report for December has been published, it can be seen that the results were equally dramatic.

Six months ago year-on-year sales of national daily papers were down by 370,000. Six months later they were down by only 72,000, the smallest margin for five years.

The biggest increases were achieved by *The Sun*, which reduced its price in July, and *The Times*, which reduced its price in September. *Today*, another News International success story of 1993, also experimented with a price cut on Merseyside, where a sales increase of about 20 per cent is still being achieved. The sceptics who sneered at Rupert Murdoch's marketing tactic have been routed.

Sun sales had slipped below 3.5 million in June. By November they were up by more than 350,000 and were still healthy at more than 3.7 million in December, the worst month of the year. A gap of 850,000 between *The Sun* and the *Daily Mirror* in January widened to 1.3 million by December, increasing *The Sun*'s lead by 450,000 within 12 months. *Sun* sales were up by 8 per cent in December on the previous year. Its share of the mass tabloid market increased by 3.7 per cent — the biggest of any national paper — against a drop for the *Daily Mirror* of 3.2 per cent.

A similar success was experienced by *The Times* after its September price cut. Sales are up 17 per cent on a year ago to 439,327 and have increased by 85,000 since the price cut, the highest percentage increase of any national paper. *The Times*'s share of the quality daily market was up by 3 per cent in December. The main losers in the quality market were *The Independent* and *The Guardian*.

Apart from *The Sun* and *The Times*, five other newspapers increased sales during 1993 and demonstrated that it is not only price cuts that work. They were *The Sunday Telegraph*, which was up by 10 per cent, the *Financial Times* (3.5 per cent), *The Sunday Times* (3.3 per cent), *Today* (3 per cent) and *The People* (2 per cent), which now comes with two magazines and has been a success for the Mirror Group.

Three other papers — the *Daily Mail*, the *Sunday Express* and the *News of the World* (completing a jackpot for News International's five titles), improved their position against deadly rivals during the year.

The *Daily Mail* and *Daily Express* simultaneously increased their cover prices by 2p in the autumn. Both are selling fewer papers than a year ago but the *Daily Mail* has stolen a greater market share from the *Daily Express*. It also increased its lead over the *Daily Express* during 1993 by more than 100,000 to 342,000. On Sundays the position has been reversed with the *Sunday Express* increasing market share against *The Mail on Sunday*, whose sales fell by 8 per cent last year.

At the beginning of the year the Mirror Group's *Sunday Mirror* and *The People* outsold the *News of the World* by nearly 200,000. In December the *News of the World* was outselling both by 100,000.

The papers with the worst performances in 1993 were *The Independent on Sunday* and *The Independent*, both down by 14 per cent during the year. *The Observer* was down by 9 per cent and both United Newspapers' national dailies, the *Daily Express* and *Daily Star*, were down by more than 5 per cent.

DAILY TITLES DECEMBER 1993

Title	Average Daily sale	Compared with Dec 92	+/- %	Market share
Quality Market				
D Telegraph	1,008,480	-3,891	-0.38%	41.45%
Times	439,327	+83,907	+17.02%	18.06%
Guardian	389,327	-20,279	-4.95%	16.00%
Independent	301,987	-46,814	-13.92%	12.41%
FT	293,872	+9,857	+3.47%	12.08%
Market Totals	2,432,993	+780	+0.03%	
Middle Market				
D Mail	1,700,734	-19,723	-1.15%	47.24%
D Express	1,358,958	-94,556	-6.51%	37.74%
Today	540,765	+15,697	+2.99%	15.02%
Market Totals	3,600,457	-88,582	-2.67%	
Popular Market				
Sun	3,737,188	+282,811	+8.19%	54.22%
D Mirror*	2,424,366	-199,010	-7.59%	35.17%
Star	731,295	-40,443	-5.24%	10.61%
Market Totals	6,892,849	+43,358	+0.61%	
Grand Total	12,926,299	-54,444	-0.41%	

SUNDAY TITLES

Quality Market				
S Times	1,279,886	+38,708	+3.31%	45.59%
Observer	481,942	-49,168	-9.26%	18.16%
S Telegraph	628,486	+61,045	+10.80%	23.61%
Indep on S	335,475	-58,101	-14.76%	12.64%
Market Totals	2,655,789	-7,516	-0.28%	
Middle Market				
S Express	1,602,186	-50,255	-3.04%	45.70%
Mail on S	1,903,388	-166,159	-8.03%	54.30%
Market Totals	3,505,574	-216,414	-8.08%	
Popular Market				
N.o.W	4,811,734	-13,510	-0.29%	49.34%
People	2,038,487	+ 37,443	+ 1.87%	21.51%
S Mirror	2,475,976	-103,947	- 4.04%	28.44%
S Sport	226,103	- 47,490	-17.36%	2.42%
Market Totals	9,347,300	-127,504	- 1.35%	
Grand Total	15,508,663	- 53,740	- 0.34%	

* Note: The Daily Record has NOT been included Source ABC



NEWS BITES

Hung up on sex lines

PUBLISHERS of the *Daily* and *Sunday Sport* are so desperate to get round the ban on advertisements for 0898 "sex lines" introduced by the chat-line watchdog ICSTIS on January 1 that they are considering a High Court appeal against it, *Alexandra Frean writes.*

Tony Livesey, managing editor of Sport Newspapers, has admitted that the two titles stand to lose £5 million in advertising revenue this year as a result of the restriction and are now fighting for their survival. "The ICSTIS ban is an infringement of civil liberties," he said.

He isn't. Are you?

ANDREAS Whittam Smith, founding editor of *The Independent*, could hardly have chosen a less discreet venue for a friendly lunch with Richard Branson on Monday: the Garrick Club. Contrary to appearances, however, the Virgin radio boss insists that he has no intention of launching an eleventh-hour rescue bid for the troubled publishing group.

Bored audience

ACCORDING to Carat, the audience research people, around one in four ITV adult viewers pay little or no attention to the programmes they watch, while only three in five of those who are "really watching" enjoy it.

Understandably perhaps, Carlton Television's *The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna* had one of the most attentive audiences. Among the least enjoyed shows of the autumn schedule was Chris Tarrant's deliberately brash game show *Lose a Million*, enjoyed by only three out of ten viewers.

Il ne regrette rien

JOHN BIRT, director-general of the BBC, has mellowed considerably since his caustic remark in September about the windfall profits he forsook by leaving LWT — "What would you rather have, £7 million or national vilification?"

Joining disc jockey Steve Wright on the Radio 1 breakfast show yesterday the DG said he had "no regrets at all" about the millions now being reaped by his former colleagues at the ITV station. "There was no contest; I was well ready to give it all up. Occasionally I have grimaced at the sums of money that good friends are going to have, but I have had a wonderful time here," he said.

Perhaps it is a natural result of advancing years. As a special request Birt asked for his favourite record: Neil Young's *Old Man*.

Fearing a "Radio Bloke" image, the BBC has dubbed its news and sport network Radio Five Live, and aims to widen the audience

Sport: will women ever listen?

When a budding young radio sports reporter turned up to interview players at a football club on the South West coast of England, the team's manager expressed surprise. "What do you know about football, you're a woman?"

"What do *you* know?" she replied. "You're bottom of the Fourth Division."

The story is apocryphal, but it makes the point well enough. Sports journalism is still very much for men. When BBC radio unveils detailed plans next week for its new 24-hour news and sports network, *Radio Five Live*, which is to replace Radio 5 at the end of March, it is going to have to come up with some revolutionary enticements if it is to break this mould and attract a regular and significant female audience.

While the BBC's news coverage may appear to have an even appeal across the gender divide, the Corporation's own research shows that male listeners to its radio sports output outnumber women by nine to one. So how will the new channel live up to the BBC's new creed of expanding choice and reaching new audiences?

For Eleanor Oldroyd, aged 32, the BBC Radio sports reporter and presenter, the new station could provide the BBC with an unprecedented opportunity to help transform sports journalism's great macho appeal to something more likely to attract women.

"It will not, however, be easy. "You cannot simply pluck a huge female sports audience out of the air," Ms Oldroyd says. "Despite the increasing numbers of families going to football matches, the fact remains that the Queen is still virtually the only woman who goes to the Cup Final."

Judging by the number of letters she receives from schoolgirls and students wanting to become football commentators, however, there is a nascent market for sports coverage from and for women. "I believe it does encourage women if they hear a female voice commenting on a match, it gives them confidence to talk about it," Ms Oldroyd says.

The new station should be off to a pretty good start on this front if it sticks to its current mix on Radio 5, where one quarter of its main sports presenters, and nearly half of its sports producers, are women.

In its present form, Radio 5 (to its credit) has largely resisted the temptation to restrict women reporters to women's sporting events — Christopher Martin-Jenkins, BBC cricket correspondent, for example, covered the women's World Cup cricket last year. It has been less successful though at dissuading its male journalists from referring to female competitors as "girls".

The very fact that the new station will have considerably more than Radio 5's 2,200 hours a year of sports programming to fill should also be seen as a boon for women. Ms Oldroyd says, as it will provide new opportunities for sports such as ice-skating, athletics, golf and tennis, which tend to have bigger female audiences than the big "tribal" sports such as football.

During the week, for example, the new station will have to fill three hours of sports programming every evening between 7.30 and 10.30, even out of the football season. At present its mid-evening sports programme runs three times a week in winter and once a week in summer.

Ms Oldroyd suggests that one solution might be for the new station to concentrate more on "how to" guides to sport than purely on major competitions. "Women are interested in sport, but more as participants than spectators, so I think there would be scope for programmes, say, on how step aerobics compares to other types of aerobics. Other programmes could look at sport as a leisure activity," she suggests.

Another possibility would be for more background features on sports men and women in the news, such as Torvill and Dean. "It might be seen as something of a girlie subject now," she says, "but if they become world champions they will also become the news story of the moment."

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NEWS

15,000 in Los Angeles tent cities

■ Two days after the earthquake hit southern California, killing 34 people, at least 15,000 have been left huddled in tent cities, all of them terrified of returning to the homes they had left so suddenly in the dark.

Yesterday they were again jolted by violent aftershocks as they struggled to move on shattered freeways and searched through collapsed buildings for more victims. One aftershock measured 4.7 on the Richter scale..... **Pages 1, 11**

Back to basic mud-slinging

■ The back-to-basics dispute descended into bitterness and mud-slinging last night after John Major accused Labour of a campaign of smear and innuendo, and John Smith blamed broken Tory promises on tax for public cynicism about politicians..... **Pages 1, 2, 8**

Law reform threat

The government was facing defeat over its reforms to the police and magistrates courts after an unprecedented barrage of criticism from the Lord Chief Justice and two former Conservative home secretaries..... **Page 1**

Prince retires

Chronic and insistent back pain has forced the Prince of Wales to retire from competitive polo. In future he will play only occasional charity games..... **Page 1**

Clinton blow

President Clinton has suffered a new blow with the decision by Admiral Bobby Inman, his candidate for US defence secretary, to stand down..... **Page 11**

Countess funeral

The Earl of Caithness led mourners at the funeral service for his wife, who apparently shot herself..... **Page 3**

£79,000 RSI award

A typist has been awarded a record £79,000 settlement after being forced to give up her job with the Inland Revenue through repetitive strain injury. The settlement will boost the hopes of thousands of keyboard operators suffering from RSI..... **Page 4**

Father, 15, sought

The Child Support Agency is to interview a 15-year-old boy whose teenage girl friend has had a baby..... **Page 5**

RAF equality

An unmarried mother serving with the Royal Air Force has won the right to live in married quarters and claim service benefits for her children..... **Page 5**

Hurd mission

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, is to fly to Bosnia on Friday for talks with military commanders on whether British troops should be pulled out..... **Page 9**

Heseltine tipped

Michael Heseltine could still be the next Prime Minister, according to some prominent right-wingers who see him as a compromise candidate..... **Page 7**

Meteor 'bombs'

American military satellites have monitored at least three explosions as big as nuclear blasts, caused by meteors burning up in the skies above Britain..... **Page 8**

Reform doubts

As the rouble sank from 1,249 to the dollar a week ago to 1,504, the reformist credentials of the new Russian government were in doubt after Boris Fyodorov, the Finance Minister said that he would not be joining the new Cabinet..... **Page 9**

Township turmoil

Townships east of Johannesburg are running out of control, according to a report to South Africa's Transitional Executive Council..... **Page 10**

Proof of the pudding after the eating

■ A Bill to stop service charges being added to restaurant bills received an unopposed first reading. Michael Fabricant, Conservative MP for Mid Staffordshire, said it would protect diners whose meal was "soured" by an unexpected 10, 12½ or 15 per cent service charge. The Bill has cross-party support but has virtually no chance of becoming law..... **Page 4**



Zulu warriors chant outside the Union Buildings in Pretoria as their king, Goodwill Zwelethini, meets President de Klerk. **Page 10**

BUSINESS

Television: The redrawing of the television map of Britain continued with an agreed £292 million bid for Anglia Television from MAI, the financial services group headed by Lord Hollick..... **Page 23**

Banking: Sir George Blunden, who is heading the review of the code of practice for banks, is to implement a series of changes aimed at giving customers more rights..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 29.2 points to close at 3437.0. The pound's trade-weighted index rose from 82.7 to 82.8 after a rise from $1.4922 to $1.4985 but a fall from DM2.6191 to DM2.6164..... **Page 26**

Football: There was still no end in sight to the Football Association's hunt for an England manager although Terry Venables remains the favourite after receiving the endorsement of his former club chairman, Alan Sugar..... **Page 44**

Ice skating: Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, the former ice dance champions, failed to impress and are lying joint second at the European championships **Page 44**

Tennis: A month ago, Petr Korda and Michael Stich stood at the pinnacle of their profession. Yesterday, they were reduced to discards in the Australian Open..... **Page 42**

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Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner, who has been under house arrest, may be freed in July **Page 10**

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West Indies tour cricket guide

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■ Woody Allen is back where most of his fans want him: in a light and frivolous comedy and with Diane Keaton for the first time since *Annie Hall*

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Real reform will take years but a market has already been established that even the hard-liners can hamper but cannot kill..... **Page 15**

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Machiavelli to John Major: "A general election is still three years off. If any close colleagues stand, fight them and let Downing Street run with blood"..... **Page 14**

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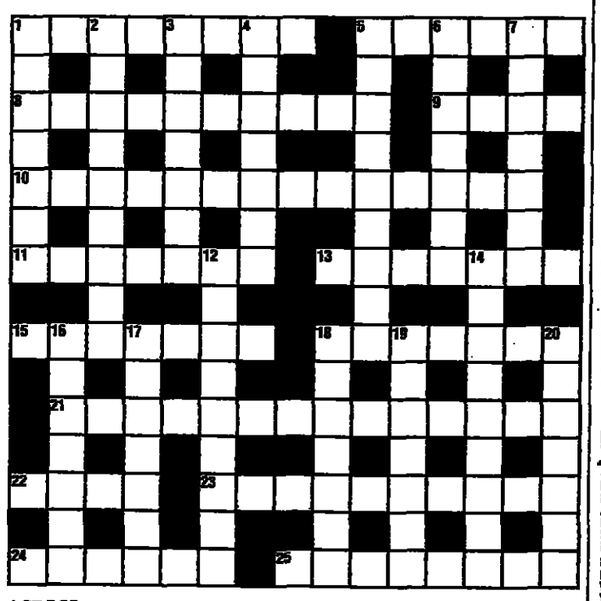
What is most troubling about Whitewater isn't what is known about it but what is not known. It seems the White House doesn't want the fog to clear

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You might think it odd that a peace agreement should produce anything but "normal" relations — isn't that the natural goal? You might think it even odder that Mr Clinton should actually commend President Assad, pay him in diplomatic coin, for speaking the word

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ACROSS

1 The morning star that glows in the dark (8).
5 Old Greek writer to exhaust Greek character endlessly with love (6).
8 Friend embraces female — a sign of great significance? (10).
9 Score with a pike (4).
10 Easy time in a famous mother's biography (3,4,2,5).
11 Hospital department has poor-quality, unusable energy source (7).
13 Staying-power — it protects opera hero endlessly (7).
15 Girl, one working in religious outpost (7).
18 Climbing around, wearing injury support (7).
21 Can magic and virtue possibly fill forty minutes in *M.S.N.D.*? (14).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,442

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ACROSS

22 Underground supplier of Australian beer (4).
23 Old journal by Irish leader that is about a political visionary (10).
24 One who cares for the church — Blake, for instance (6).
25 Get to retreat during erratic military planning (8).

DOWN

1 Tube annoyance? Better to shun termini (7).
2 Musical pieces being the making of poetaster? (9).
3 Qualification for victory on one's round (7).
4 See honours taking precedence in gross manner (7).
5 Second-class with regard to love? That'll make you hardened (9).
6 Food for thought in book accepted by apostle with some hesitation (7).
7 Any loch, when stormy, may become calm (7).
12 A great many favouring merger (9).
14 I'm the thing a vet treated, nursing one like an ape (9).
16 One gets caught and left imprisoned in a naked state (7).
17 Too much swell to moor? (7).
18 Cork perhaps needed for the main drink (7).
19 Area featured in American A-to-Z? (7).
20 Without a horse, lethargy can develop in a big way (7).

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□ **General:** Cloud and rain over south-east England will quickly clear. Central and eastern England and Wales will be bright with sunny spells and a few showers later in the day. Showers will be more frequent in the west, heavy and wintry at times with snow on hills. Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will also be windy and showery.

□ **London, East Anglia, S and Cent S England and E Midlands:** Mostly dry, with sunny spells, scattered showers later. Wind W or SW moderate. Max 8C (46F).

□ **SE England:** Cloud and rain clearing, then mostly dry and bright. Max 8C (46F).

□ **W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, NW England:** Sunny spells and showers, some wintry. Max 7C (45F).

□ **N Wales, Cent N and NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray:** Cold and breezy with sunshine, occasional wintry showers snow on hills. Max 5C (41F).

□ **Lake District, I of Man, SW and NE Scotland, Glasgow, C Highlands, N Isles, N Ireland:** Windy with sleet and snow showers. Max 4C (39F).

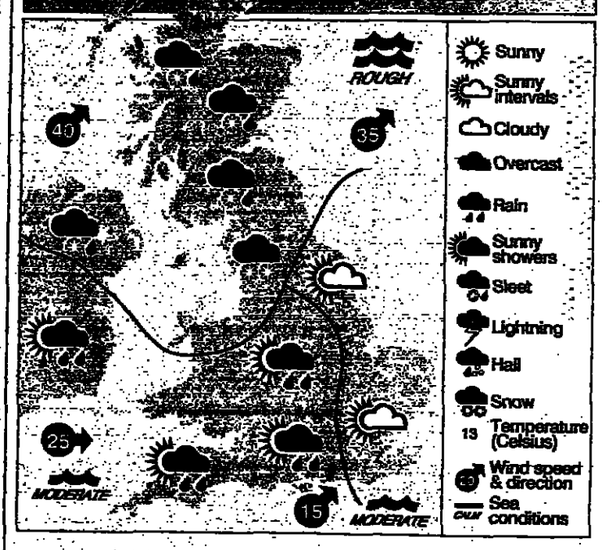
□ **Outlook:** Cloudy with rain.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; d=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

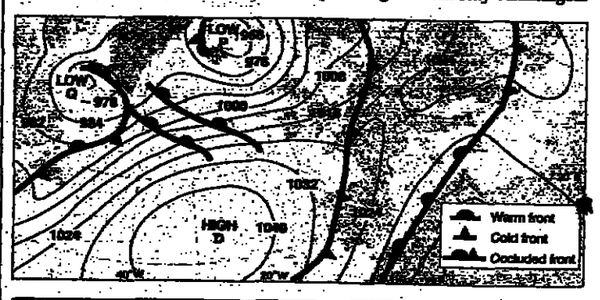
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Aviemore	.	-	3	37	c	Manchester	4.4	-	3	37	b
Belfast	1.1	-	4	39	c	Margate	X	-	4	39	s
Birmingham	4.7	-	2	36	s	Minehead	X	-	5	41	s
Bognor R	4.0	-	4	39	b	Morecambe	2.1	-	4	39	c
Bournem'th	6.1	-	5	41	s	Newcastle	2.6	0.16	2	36	b
Bristol	6.1	-	5	41	s	Newquay	X				
Buxton	4.1	-	0	32	b	Norwich	3.1	0.04	5	41	sh
Cardiff	6.6	-	4	39	s	Nottingham	X				
Clacton	4.5	0.02	5	41	s	Penzance	4.4	-	8	46	b
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	7.7	-	5	41	s
Colwyn Bay	0.5	-	4	39	c	Poole	6.4	-	5	41	s
Cromer	2.3	0.10	4	39	c	Ross-o-wye	6.0	-	5	41	s
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	6.0	-	5	41	s	Sandown	3.6	-	4	39	b
Edinburgh	0.2	0.51	3	37	du	Saunton Snd	7.2	-	7	45	s
Eskdalemuir	2.1	-	1	34	c	Scarborough	1.1	0.06	2	36	c
Exmouth	7.4	-	4	39	s	Scilly Isles	1.3	-	7	45	c
Falmouth	7.4	-	6	43	s	Shanklin	4.5	-	4	39	b
Folkestone	4.2	-	4	39	s	Skegness	3.7	0.04	2	36	sh
Glasgow	0.4	-	4	39	c	Southend	3.7	-	3	37	b
Guernsey	0.8	-	6	43	c	Southport	3.2	-	4	39	b
Hastings	4.5	-	4	39	s	Southsea	3.9	-	4	39	b
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Herne Bay	1.8	-	3	37	c	Stranraer	6.6	-	5	41	s
Hove	2.0	-	4	39	c	Teignmouth	7.5	-	6	41	s
Hunstanton	3.3	0.02	3	37	s	Tenby	5.4	0.01	5	41	s
Isle of Man	0.1	-	5	41	c	Tiree	.	-	7	45	c
Jersey	5.7	0.01	6	43	h	Torquay	8.0	-	6	43	s
Kinloss	.	-	5	41	c	Tynemouth	1.6	0.12	2	36	c
Leeds	4.5	-	3	37	b	Ventnor	5.6	-	4	39	s
Lerwick	.	0.38	6	43	sn	West-o-mare	5.5	0.06	4	39	s
Llandrindrs	0.1	-	3	37	c	Weymouth	6.5	-	5	41	s
Littlehmptn	3.2	0.01	4	39	s	Wick	.	0.02	4	39	sn

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Alicatti	19	66	c	Corfu	17	63	s	Majorca	10	50	f	Ft'dalawy	7	45	r
Alex'dria	20	68	c	Dublin	8	46	r	Malaga	8	46	f	Salzburg	0	32	s
Algiers	14	57	f	Dubrovnik	10	50	c	Malta	19	66	s	S Fnpcb	14	57	s
Amst'dm	5	41	c	Faro	8	46	f	Melb'rne	20	68	c	Santiago	28	82	s
Athens	17	63	f	Florence	8	46	s	Mexico C	17	63	c	S Paulo	30	86	c
Bahrain	20	68	s	Frankfurt	0	32	s	Miami	24	75	s	Seoul	-6	23	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Fur'chal	16	61	f	Milan	6	43	s	Sing'por	.	.	.
Barbados	28	82	f	Geneva	1	34	s	Moscow	-20	-4	an	St'kholm	-9	16	s
Barcelona	8	46	s	Gibraltar	12	54	s	Moscow	-1	30	an	Strasb'rg	1	34	s
Beirut	18	64	s	Helsinki	-7	19	c	Munich	0	32	s	Sydney	29	79	s
Belgrade	1	34	sn	Hong K	20	68	c	Nairobi	25	77	f	Tangier	11	52	f
Berlin	-1	30	an	Innsbrck	2	36	f	Naples	13	55	s	Tel Aviv	21	70	s
Bermuda	18	64	c	Inverness	5	48	c	N Delhi	17	63	f	Tenerife	18	61	f
Biarritz	9	37	s	Istanbul	14	57	f	N York	-3	27	an	Tokyo	8	46	c
Blackpool	7	45	f	Jeddah	30	86	s	Nice	11	52	s	Toronto	-7	19	an
Borde'x	4	39	s	Jo'burg	21	70	f	Oslo	-5	18	f	Tunis	16	61	c
Brussels	2	36	c	Karachi	25	77	s	Paris	-1	30	c	Valencia	10	50	f
Budapst	2	36	s	L Palmas	16	61	r	Peking	-3	27	s	Vanc'ver	7	45	r
B Aires	27	81	f	La Topaz	6	43	f	Perth	30	86	s	Venice	6	46	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Lisbon	7	45	s	Prague	-1	30	s	Vienna	2	36	s
Cape Tn	29	84	s	Locarno	5	41	s	Reykjavik	-1	30	c	Warsaw	-1	27	o
Chicago	-17	1	s	L Angels	17	63	s	Rhodes	17	63	f	Wash'ton	-7	19	an
Ch'church	17	63	r	Luxembg	-1	30	s	Rio de J	29	84	f	Wellington	18	64	r
Cologne	1	34	f	Luxor	24	75	s	Riyadh	19	66	s	Zurich	-2	28	s

X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: Low P will move E then SE, quickly filling. Low Q will rush to NE and deepen. High D will stay unchanged.



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Aberdeen	6.01	3.59	6.08	3.68	Lowestoft	1.32	2.38	2.34	2.11
Avonmouth	11.26	10.76	11.37	10.39	Margate	4.11	4.28	4.48	4.04
Belfast	3.57	3.03	3.54	3.16	Milford Haven	10.41	5.76	11.00	5.46
Cardiff	11.11	10.05	11.22	9.72	Newquay	9.38	5.60	9.58	5.50
Devonport	9.51	4.60	10.17	4.50	Oban	10.03	3.30	10.04	3.20
Dover	3.14	5.09	3.39	5.51	Penzance	9.02	4.80	9.30	4.50
Falmouth	9.21	4.60	9.47	4.30	Portland	10.35	1.60	10.59	1.80
Glasgow	5.16	4.60	5.29	4.80	Portsmouth	3.37	4.30	3.48	4.00
Harwich	3.58	3.62	4.24	3.42	Holyhead	2.41	4.80	2.58	4.73
Hull	10.43	6.19	10.57	6.46	Shoreham	3.37	5.44	3.54	5.13
Ilfracombe	10.17	7.61	10.36	7.28	Southampton	3.20	3.91	3.33	3.76
King's Lynn	10.49	5.20	10.59	5.40	Swansea	10.43	7.84	11.09	7.53
Leith	7.19	4.85	7.36	4.59	Tees	8.26	4.42	8.37	4.54
					Wilton-on-Nze	3.50	3.84	4.22	3.82

Monday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 8C (46F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, and Spadeadam, Cumbria, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Edinburgh, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Torquay, Devon, 8.0hr.

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THE TIMES

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19 1994

Chancellor with the Midas touch

KENNETH Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was at the Bank of England yesterday to help launch the "Gold Rush Appeal", which aims to raise £3.5 million over five years on behalf of the National Deaf Children's Society.

NDCS, which is concerned with the needs and support of Britain's 65,000 deaf children and their families, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and hopes that about 25 per cent of the £3.5 million target will be achieved. To do so, the society will need a little help from tax relief, making the Chancellor possibly one of the largest single contributors.

By depriving the taxman of more than £750,000, Mr Clarke will effectively be playing Robin Hood. For every £1 donated through tax efficient means, the taxman will give an extra 33p. The NDCS intends to use the appeal funds that it raises for a programme to further develop its work among Britain's deaf children.

Guests at the appeal launch included Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, the Duke of Devonshire and Duncan Goodhew, the Olympic gold medal swimmer.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Grace Johnson, aged 7, relieves Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, of his gold bar. Olympic swimmer Duncan Goodhew witnesses the heist

Viacom values bid at $10.5bn

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

VIACOM, the cable television group reopened the bidding war for Paramount Communications yesterday with its fourth cash and shares offer for the Hollywood studio. But it ran into an immediate dispute over the value of its offer. Viacom claimed its new bid values Paramount at $10.5 billion, but Wall Street analysts say it is worth only $9.8 billion and, as such, remains below the $10.1 billion offered by rival QVC Network.

Viacom had until Friday to raise its stake in the film, television, publishing and theme park giant, after its previous offer was rejected by the Paramount board, which instead recommended the QVC bid.

Both sides have offered two-tier terms. Analysts say it is the overall value of the offer that is the key and was pivotal to Paramount recommending QVC's offer last week.

Viacom has lifted its cash terms from $105 to $107 per Paramount share, for 50.1 per cent of the company. It has also put a $48 floor under part of its paper offer, guaranteeing the price of its B shares, providing they do not trade below $38. Last night, they were down 25 cents at $38.875. It has also added warrants that convert to Viacom B shares of $60 each over the next three years.

Analysts were valuing this portion of the offer at $1 each. Taking the terms at the best values, Viacom's paper offer is worth about $59.35 a share, compared with QVC's paper offer of $78.37. Viacom's cash offer tops QVC's $92 a share by 16 per cent, but QVC is offer is for 51 per cent of the shares.

Blending the two tiers gives an overall value of the new Viacom bid at $83.25 per Paramount share, compared with $85.32 from QVC and a market price of Paramount at about $80 a share.

Final offers must be in by February 1.

BUSINESS EDITOR Robert Ballantyne

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Lockheed, the American planemaker, is squaring up for a battle with British Aerospace over RAF transport aircraft
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PAY FIGHT

CBI revelations of two million workers on pay freezes will be welcome by ministers who want to see a more flexible workforce
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J Sainsbury has opened a new discount store in what is seen as competition for the nearby American Costco warehouse club
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PRO NED, the non-executive director body, has been privatised, although the search for a taker ended at home
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MAI pays £292m to win Anglia

BY MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ **Shares in Anglia TV rose by 180p to 664p on news of offer that will link Meridian with one of the oldest independent television companies. MAI shares rose 31p to 315p**

THE redrawing of the television map of Britain continued yesterday with an agreed £292 million bid for Anglia Television Group from MAI, the financial services-to-media group headed by Lord Hollick.

Surprise at the high price of the offer sent Anglia shares rocketing 180p to 664p. The deal is the third takeover to be launched in seven weeks and, like the agreed takeover of Central TV by Carlton Communications and the hostile onslaught on LWT (Holdings) by Granada Group, was sparked by the Government's relaxation of the rules of TV ownership.

From January 1, the Government sanctioned the control of two ITV companies by the same party, in an attempt to increase the financial muscle of British broadcasters and help them compete in the mushrooming international media marketplace.

The purchase of Anglia by MAI, which has a 61 per cent holding in Meridian, the broadcaster to the south east of England, had been widely expected by the market. MAI is paying 357p in cash and 2.667 new convertible preference shares in a package that values each Anglia share, including an 8p dividend yet to be paid for 1993, at 637p.

MAI's shares responded favourably to the news, advancing 31p to 315p. The offer includes a loan note alternative on the cash element and a cash payment instead of the preference shares.

The deal will link Meridian, the Southampton-based newcomer to broadcasting, with one of the oldest ITV companies, creating a group with access to 9 million viewers and 18 per cent of Channel 3 advertising revenue, the third largest in the network.

Lord Hollick described the two companies as natural partners. "They are based in the two fastest-growing ITV regions and two of the most upmarket, more skewed to ABC1 viewers," he said. MAI, which makes the bulk of profits from money-broking, in 1989 sold its billboard advertising business to concentrate on other areas of the media.

Lord Hollick said: "We took the view some years ago that broadcast media was the way forward. We are satisfied that the price we're paying for Anglia bears comparison with the other deals which are being done. We're paying a full price, but we believe we're getting full value."

MAI had been talking to Anglia since the middle of last year, he added, as well as to other TV companies, and had identified considerable common ground.

Sir Peter Gibbings, Anglia's chairman, said after looking at a range of options, including the much-rumoured link with Tyne-Tees that would have coincided with the purchase by LWT of Yorkshire, his company had concluded MAI represented the best deal for shareholders, staff and viewers.

He added: "With the change of ownership rules Anglia had to be part of a bigger unit. We're not big enough to be a predator ourselves, good company though we are."

Gerry Robinson, chief executive of Granada, said that by clarifying the position of smaller TV companies the deal was good news for his onslaught on LWT. "We are going to have two or three major players in this business, that's the reality," he said.

Anglia, maker of programmes such as Roald Dahl's *Tales of the Unexpected* and the natural history series *Survival*, said for the year to end-December profits before tax and exceptional items would be not less than £11 million.

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Lloyd's quake costs limited

BY SARAH BAGNALL INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London and the UK insurance companies are likely to escape the brunt of the $7 billion estimated costs of Monday's earthquake in California.

California has suffered extensive damage, but only $1 billion of it is said to be insured. In the main, this will not be borne by the London insurance market. Lloyd's said reinsurance cover provided by Lloyd's syndicates would come into play only after the first $3.5 billion of claims had been met by US insurers.

This reflects the catastrophe losses of recent years, which include the biggest ever insurance loss of $17 billion from Hurricane Andrew. These have forced underwriters to be more selective in the risks they insure and the terms under which they provide cover.

Premiums and level of deductibles have rocketed, prompting many homeowners to let insurance cover lapse. Only 25 per cent of Californian homes have earthquake cover. Twenty years ago, the average policyholder had to pay the first 5 per cent of a claim. This has risen to as much as 15 per cent. Cover for a $100,000 house would cost $350 and the owner would have to pay up to $15,000 of his claim. The cost of infrastructure damage will fall on federal aid schemes.

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Code will force banks to warn customers of deductions

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SIR George Blunden, who is heading the review of the code of practice for banks, is to implement changes aimed at giving customers more rights and improving the flow of information to them.

Sir George, a former deputy governor of the Bank of England, started his review of the code last year. His committee will report its findings on February 8. The revised code — or second edition code as the banks and building societies prefer to call it — is to be implemented by the end of March.

One of the most controversial changes to the code of banking practice will be the decision to force banks to "pre-notify" charges to be deducted from customers' accounts instead of simply publishing a tariff of charges.

However, as the cost of establishing a system of pre-notification could present an obstacle to some of the smaller banks, the committee will set a timetable for introduction.

Some banks, including Lloyds, National Westminster and TSB, already pre-notify customers of charges, but most do not.

Sir George will also require banks to seek the express consent of their customers before passing on their personal account details to subsidiaries who use the information to market their products. It will insist that customers are given a clear option to refuse permission for the banks to pass on information.

After a legal ruling last year, the committee will also amend the code to ensure that banks give strong warnings to customers — particularly the spouses or partners of small businessmen — acting as a personal guarantor on a business loan to make sure they are aware of their potential unlimited liability.

As banks will have to pre-notify customers of charges, the code will continue to allow them to impose interest on charges made when a customer's account is overdrawn.

The voluntary code was introduced in March 1992.

The varied ways that banks interpret and apply the code have attracted criticism from consumer bodies as well as from Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading, and Eric Howe, the data protection registrar.

Sir Bryan and Mr Howe have criticised the way that some banks do not seek the express consent of their customers before passing information on to other divisions for uses such as selling insurance policies. Although he did not name the culprits, Barclays and NatWest were implicated in the attack.

The code was signed by the British Bankers' Association, which represents 330 banks, and the Building Societies Association. At present it is a voluntary, not a statutory code, but there has been pressure to make it legally enforceable.

The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux has said that the code was being ignored by many banks.

However, the committee has found that, while some banks and building societies have not been sticking to the code, it is working. It will not recommend that the code should be made statutory, though this is an option if the code is seen not to be working.

The Blunden committee will not identify offenders, but it will make some comments on the number and type of complaints received about banks' lack of observance of the code.

All the banks and building societies that have signed up to the code have internal complaints procedures, but the committee will make a general observation that banks should do more to ensure that staff are aware of these procedures.

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BTR in Hawker Canada sell-off

BTR, in its second asset disposal this week, is selling its 59 per cent shareholding in Hawker Siddeley Canada by way of a public offering that is expected to raise £60 million.

On Monday, BTR announced the proposed flotation of Graham Group, its builders' merchants business, which analysts believe could bring in £200 million.

BTR said that the Canadian group did not readily fit with its intention to concentrate on industrial manufacturing operations. The sale should be completed be the end of April. BTR shares rose 6½p to 371p. Tempus, page 27

Aluminium crisis talks

The world's leading aluminium producers met in Brussels yesterday for the first of two days of talks aimed at rescuing an industry suffering from huge overcapacity and plummeting prices.

The crisis has been brought on by the world recession and a huge flood of Russian aluminium on to the market since the end of the Cold War. Negotiators from the EC, Russia, Canada, Australia and Norway hope to agree voluntary cuts of between 1.5 and 2 million tonnes of excess production.

Porsche hopes

Porsche, Germany's recession-hit luxury carmaker, expects to break even in the financial year starting next July, after slightly reducing its losses to DM115 million in the first half of the current year. Wendelin Wiedeking, the chairman of the management board, forecast that the full-year loss for 1993-94 would be DM140-150 million, down from a record DM238.8 million loss last year.

Merger consent

The European Commission has given consent for a merger of the aircraft landing gear activities of TI Group and SNECMA, the French state aero-engine maker. The business, to be called Messier-Dowty, will be Europe's leading manufacturer of such equipment. Formal consent is still required from the French Government.

STEPHEN MARKESON



James (Micky) Blackwell, President of Lockheed Aeronautical Systems, at the presentation to launch its sales campaign in London yesterday.

More than two million subjected to pay freezes

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ Settlements in companies which have operated pay freezes tend to be lower than the national average for pay deals says the Confederation of British Industry.

PAY freezes now cover more than two million employees in Britain, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday. The CBI's figures suggest more than 10 per cent of the workforce have received no pay increase at all recently.

The figures will be welcomed by ministers keen to see a more flexible labour market that can respond more closely to individual companies' financial circumstances.

Findings by some independent pay analysts suggest that the trend for companies to introduce pay freezes may now have eased, with fewer signs of new freezes being introduced. Pay researchers suggest that as the economy improves, companies will find it less easy to introduce such pay pauses. But the CBI's analysis of the extent of employers making no pay awards at all suggests that the acceptance of pay freezes by employees may be extensive, with few employees following up such freezes by securing higher pay deals once the freeze has ended.

Based on figures from its regular pay databank, which monitors pay rises, the CBI said that freezes were currently being operated by one in four manufacturers and one company in every six in the service sector. This suggested that freezes covered some two million employees.

The CBI said that its own case-study evidence showed that employees were generally ready to accept pay freezes when their need was clearly explained. Companies had to keep all operational elements under tight control, especially pay because it represented more than a quarter of all production costs.

Settlements in companies that have operated pay freezes, the CBI said, were lower than the national average for pay deals. Post-freeze deals were averaging increases of 2.1 per cent in the private sector, against an average for all settlements last year of 3.4 per cent. CBI leaders believe that the extent of pay freezes in the private sector is a significant factor in the still-falling levels of average earnings increases in manufacturing and in the very low levels of inflation in private sector prices.

☐ **Union reforms urged:** UK business needs further reform of trade union law — including banning strikes in essential services — to ensure it remains competitive in world markets, the Institute of Directors said yesterday.

Calling for the complete removal of all union legal immunities, the IoD said in evidence to the Commons' Employment Select Committee enquiry into the future of unions that the Government should end centralised pay bargaining in the public sector.

The IoD also called for the abolition all the pay review bodies covering such groups as nurses and doctors, whose recommendations for rises this year are expected soon.

In the strongest call yet for radical reform of the law governing the operation of unions, the institute said that although industrial relations had been good recently, with few strikes, pressure for wage increases beyond productivity gains — especially in the public sector — would return as economic recovery gained momentum.

Peter Morgan, IoD Director-General, said: "The competitiveness of British business and the economic recovery could be undermined by trade union immunities, which place them above the law and allow them to take damaging industrial action without collective responsibility for the consequences."

Lockheed goes into battle for RAF order

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

LOCKHEED is squaring up for a head-on battle with British Aerospace (BAe) to supply the next generation of transport aircraft for the Royal Air Force.

The American plane builder yesterday launched its campaign, at a London presentation, to construct 30 replacement Hercules aircraft, worth £750 million to £900 million, with a claim that British components firms could reap sales of more than £1.2 billion from the programme in the first decade.

But BAe warned that buying the Lockheed C-130 J model would prejudice future British involvement in the European future large aircraft (FLA) programme. Not only would Britain's European lead in wing technology be undermined, but uncertainty would ensue over replacements for RAF tanker and maritime patrol aircraft in the next decade, BAe said. Although Britain is not a member of the group of European nations planning the FLA aircraft, BAe is funding its own place on the programme.

Britain will be the first country to confront the issue of replacing the Hercules, mainstay of the western world's military air transport fleets, because the RAF makes particularly intensive use of its 60-strong fleet. An invitation to tender to replace or refurbish half the fleet is expected to be issued by the Ministry of Defence within days.

Lockheed says its upgraded aircraft would offer through-life cost savings of 40 per cent compared to existing models, and significant performance improvements. First deliveries could be made in 1996 at a cost of £25 million to £36 million per aircraft.

An alternative for the RAF is to refurbish its existing Hercules fleet until a rival aircraft, the FLA, becomes available early in the next century.

Watchdog to crack down on errant members

By Sara McConnell, Personal Finance Correspondent



Bowe: to head the PIA

DISHONEST or incompetent employees of fund management companies regulated by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) face being fined or in some cases banned from carrying out investment business, under rules to be implemented in July.

Imro, which authorises fund management companies, is to introduce a system of individual registration to keep track of employees disciplined for rule breaches. Proposals are set out in a consultative document. Imro says this will enable it to "prevent individuals from entering or re-entering the industry and to punish effectively those who act to the detriment of investors. Where necessary, this punishment can extend to banning an individual from the industry." Individual registration would prevent the spread of bad practice within the firm or other parts of the industry, deter others from similar bad practice and "attack the root causes of regulatory breaches where those causes clearly relate to the failings of an individual", Imro said.

At present, employees of Imro member firms found guilty of breaching rules can move to another firm without their past history emerging. Individual registration will bring Imro into line with other regulators.

Meanwhile, the Personal Investment Authority, the proposed single regulator for retail investment, has appointed two more public interest directors to its board. They are Sir John Bailey, a lawyer, who is investigating the auditing of the accounts of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, and Sir Terry Heiser, a former permanant secretary at the Department of Environment. The PIA confirmed that its board would comprise nine public interest directors, nine industry practitioners and Colette Bowe the chief executive.

Forte and Soros bid for Ciga

By Colin Campbell

FORTE Group and George Soros's multi-million dollar Quantum Fund have submitted a joint bid to buy the debt-ridden Italian Ciga group of luxury hotels.

The Forte/Soros proposal is thought to be worth between £300 million and £350 million to Ciga's creditor banks. It was made after negotiations to make a joint proposal were finalised.

Rocco Forte, chairman of Britain's major hotelier, said last week that it had approached Quantum to strengthen its hand in fending off other bids for the 36-hotel chain that is controlled by the Aga Khan.

Ownership of the Ciga group would be Forte's "dream ticket" and Mr Soros the group's "dream connection", analysts said.

Last year, Forte approached Ciga on its own account with a proposal that would have involved a cash injection of £33 million and the inclusion of some of its own luxury hotels valued at £125 million.

However, other bids that appeared to offer more immediate cash meant that Forte's plan had to redrawn.

Forte said yesterday that its revised proposal had now been submitted and it was waiting to hear if its submission to the creditor banks, being advised by Mediobanca, was acceptable.

Business Roundup

Big American banks enjoy bonanza year

SOME of the biggest US banks ended 1993 on a high. Citicorp, Chase Manhattan and Chemical Bank all recorded increased earnings. Citicorp more than tripled its net income to a record $2.2 billion ($722 million) in 1993, with earnings per share at $4.11 ($1.35). The bank's previous record for annual net income was $1.9 billion in 1988. John Reed, the chairman, said the results reflect substantial improvement in credit costs. He added that last year the bank's global finance arm had its best year ever in Europe and made good gains in North America.

Chase Manhattan saw its net income rise by 51 per cent to $966 million. Earnings per share were $4.79 ($3.46). The bank had a strong finish to the year — in the fourth quarter net income was 85 per cent higher at $313 million. Chemical Bank increased its net income by 48 per cent to $1.6 billion. Net income per share was up from $3.90 to $5.77. The bank said there was strong revenue growth in its core business. NationsBank, the North Carolina bank, reported a 31 per cent increase in net income to $1.5 billion. Earnings per share were up 26 per cent to $5.78.

Trade-weighted index up

THE pound's trade-weighted index closed at 82.8, up on Monday's close at 82.7. The market's focus today will be on the latest retail sales and retail prices data. These are expected to confirm that consumer spending was buoyant at the torn of the year and that inflationary pressures remain subdued. Meanwhile, the mark remained under some pressure ahead of tomorrow's Bundesbank council meeting. Denmark's central bank lowered its discount and key deposit rates to 5.75 per cent from 6 per cent, marginally weakening the Danish krone.

Chrysler beats rivals

CHRYSLER showed itself the most efficient of America's three major car companies yesterday, with figures for last year showing it made a pre-tax profit of $1,355 per vehicle. This compares with an estimated $200 for Ford and a loss for General Motors. Chrysler, the smallest of the three, announced record pre-tax profits of $3.84 billion for last year, against $934 million a year earlier. Its market share rose to 14.5 per cent. Robert Eaton, chairman, said: "A lot of very good things happened at Chrysler in 1993. In fact, it was an exceptional year."

HunterPrint cuts losses

HUNTERPRINT Group reduced its pre-tax loss from a restated £12.2 million to £3.16 million in the year ended September 26 and said conditions remained difficult. The group's bankers have renewed borrowing facilities through to September 30. Contracts worth £10 million had been won, including several from newspaper groups. Newspaper related products accounted for 55 per cent of the contract order book at the Corby plant. Demand outside of Fleet Street remained low and erratic. No dividends were declared. Tempus, page 27

Zetters pegs payout

ZETTERS, the football pools promoter, is maintaining the dividend at 4p on the back of flat profits in the six months to September 30. At the halfway stage, the group made pre-tax profits of £421,000 (£427,000) on sales slightly down to £10.74 million (£10.83 million). Earnings per share moved up slightly from 4.1p to 4.2p because of a lower tax charge. Zetters said the current football season was progressing satisfactorily, with turnover up on last year. The board said the improvement had followed a small price increase on stakes and the broadening of the collector service.

ICI sells Indian stake

ICI is selling its Indian fertiliser business for £25 million as part of a restructuring of its regional operations. GP Goenka Group, the buyer, is paying £25 million in cash for the assets involved, which include a 675,000-tonne capacity fertiliser plant at Panki, Kanpur. In addition, ICI India will also receive about £20 million in outstanding subsidy payments from the Indian government over the next year. The deal follows the creation by ICI India of Chand Chhap Fertilisers and Chemicals, a joint venture company in partnership with GP Goenka, last December.

Lookers accelerates

SHARES in Lookers, the car dealer, jumped 17p to 215p on a sharp increase in full-year profits and a positive statement on current trading. The group revealed that in the year to September 30, pre-tax profits leapt to £5.01 million (£1.63 million). Lookers' sales of new cars, alone, rose 20 per cent, against a national increase for the period of 12 per cent. A final dividend of 4.5p makes a total of 6.5p (6.2p). Earnings per share increased to 12.3p (0.1p). Lookers also said the current year had started well, with trading in the first quarter "much improved". Tempus, page 27

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ASEA BROWN BOVERI ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT A GAS FIRED POWER STATION ON LAND ADJACENT TO BRITISH STEEL COMPANY'S SCUNTHORPE WORKS, RAVENTHORPE IN THE DISTRICT OF GLANFORD IN THE COUNTY OF HUMBERSIDE.

Notice is hereby given that Asea Brown Boveri Energy Development Company Limited has applied under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the consent of the President of The Board of Trade to construct a gas fired combined cycle power station with a nominal output of 300MW electric and for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted. The power station would be constructed on a site adjacent to British Steel Company's Scunthorpe Works, Ordnance Survey Grid reference SE931092, and would be known as Raventhorpe Power Station.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:
- The Application;
- Relevant plans;
- The Environmental Statement;
- Other documents submitted with the application;

at the offices of the Glanford Borough Council's Technical Services Department, Cary Lane, Brigg, or at Scunthorpe Borough Council's Planning Department, Civic Centre, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe during normal office hours.

A non-technical summary of the Environmental Statement can be obtained free of charge while stocks last from Glanford Borough Council's Technical Services Department or Scunthorpe Borough Council's Planning Department, at the aforementioned locations. In addition copies of the full Environmental Statement may be obtained at a cost of £20 inclusive by writing to Rendel Planning, 61 Southwark Street, London, SE1 1SA, while stocks last.

Any objections should be made in writing to The President of The Board of Trade, Department of Trade and Industry, Electricity Division "B", Room 2.3.15, 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE stating the grounds of the objection not later than 26th February 1994.

Signed RENDEL PLANNING on behalf of Asea Brown Boveri Energy Development Company Limited.

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FYSON & CO. LIMITED (In Liquidation) THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID ALAN BOLPH and RICHARD HOBART JOHN DEDOURCY MOORE of ST. PAULS HOUSE, WARWICK LANE, LONDON, EC4P 4BN were appointed joint liquidators of the above named company on 11th January 1994.

Creditors are required on or before 28th February 1994 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the liquidators, and, if so required by notice in writing from the liquidators, are to come in and prove their debtors or to default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 14th day of January 1994
David A Rolph, Joint Liquidator.
N.B. This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 DANSDLOW INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Warren House, 10/20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY on 28th January 1994 at 4.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Peter Gotham of Messrs. Taylor, Gotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated the 12th January 1994
By order of the Board
D. Akin, Director

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 MINTZ & DAVIS LIMITED

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Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(A) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Jamie Taylor of Messrs. Taylor, Gotham, Warren House, 10-20 Main Road, Hockley, Essex SS5 4RY is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Dated the 14th January 1994
By order of the Board
Laurence Brian Davis, Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION No. 0010010 of 1993 IN THE MATTER OF LONDON & METROPOLITAN PLC and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 12th January 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above Company from £20,000,000 to £15,793,213.36 and the cancellation of the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the Company and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 14th January, 1994.

DATED the 19th day of January 1994.
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REF: LCF/63/V137790
Solicitors for the above-named Company

Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Act 1986 LEISURE VIDEO LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thrawton & Co, Tarrington House, 47 Hatfield Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Leisure Video Limited by a resolution at the meeting of creditors held on 13th January 1994.
DATED this 14th day of January 1994
N J Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 THE MEAT SHOP LIMITED Trading Name: "ELLE JAY MEATS" and "MEATS-R-US"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 28th January 1994 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 14th day of January 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J. HARTWELL, DIRECTOR.

The Insolvency Act 1986 TIMELESS ELEGANCE LTD (In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Darrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by members and creditors on 11th January 1994.
Dated this 11th day of January 1994.
M.R. Darrington, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986 FRESH AIR SYSTEMS (UK) LTD (In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that P.F.A. Vessely of King & Dalgleish, of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 14th December 1993.
Dated this 29th day of December 1993
P.F.A. VESSELY, Liquidator.

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COMPANY NEWSWATCH

DENMANS ELECTRICAL
Pre-tax: £2.03m (£1.52m)
EPS: 30.74p (23.73p)
Div: 4.5p, mkg 6.4p
Final results. Turnover rose to £38.4m (£35.8m). Company said all sections of the business contributed improved results, while sales grew.

YRM (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.19m loss
LPS: 8.15p (2.78p)
Div: Nil (0.5p)
There was a loss of £498,000 last time. Turnover fell to £5.5m (£7.89m). Redundancy costs amounted to £123,000 (£282,000).

ALEXANDERS HOLDINGS
Pre-tax: £512,000
EPS: 1.25p (LPS: 1.89p)
Div: 0.5p
There was a loss of £691,000 last time. Turnover dropped to £87.2m (£88.8m). The group's dealerships increased retail sales by 30.8%.

EVERARDS BREWERY
Pre-tax: £1.86m
EPS: 67.3p (50.5p)
Div: 6.8p, mkg 13.6p
Final results. There was a profit of £899,000 last time. Last time's total dividend was 13p. Turnover climbed to £35.3m (£33.5m).

TAMARIS (Int)
Pre-tax: £2,000
EPS: 0.01p (LPS: 1.26p)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a loss of £28,000 last time. Turnover climbed to £1.75m (£1.68m). Company said occupancy levels continued to rise.

SAMUEL HEATH (Int)
Pre-tax: £136,000
EPS: 3.0p (2.1p)
Div: 1.5p (1.5p)
Last time's profit was £95,000. Turnover rose to £3.59m (£3.55m). Company said European sales held up well and US moved ahead.

WINDSOR (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.11m loss
LPS: 3.93p (EPS: 1.69)
Div: —
There was a profit of £616,000 last time. Revenue increased by 10% to £8.4m despite tough conditions. Group confident on current year.

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☐ A gold-plated price for Anglia Television ☐ PRO NED finds itself a new role ☐ Names register high on the Richter scale

Hollick turns up the contrast

☐ BEFORE the rush towards TV ownership becomes truly Gadarene, it might be kinder to sow a few doubts in the minds of the new breed of TV moguls. It is, after all, less than a decade since the brightest and the best in the advertising business were preaching the doctrine that big is beautiful; those that remain are more exercised by debt reduction and retrenching.

MAI's offer for Anglia contains the usual woolly statements about enhanced prospects and opportunities for co-operation. MAI is offering 35 times 1993 earnings before exceptionals, although the situation is complicated by the welter of other assets, outside the core broadcasting business built up by the ambitious team at Anglia, that come with the deal.

There is a small holding in BSkyB, a legacy of Anglia's founding role in the original BSB business, that chipped in almost £4 million to exceptionals, a chunk of an Australian business worth £50 million, a potentially lucrative link with Home Box Office and £26 million in cash.

But even once these are stripped out, the fact remains that Lord Hollick's MAI has set another benchmark in the battle of the franchises. His offer of more than 30 times core earnings compares with 25 times paid in Carlton's agreed purchase of Central, and barely 23 times on the table for LWT from Granada.

Lord Hollick was not spoiled for choice to expand his TV interests, and Anglia undeniably makes a better fit than any other with Meridian's southern and prosperous franchises, so the running was made by David McCall at Anglia after he decided that the much-vaunted East Coast link was too fraught with uncertainty.

In business terms, TV franchises can be seen to resemble gold mines, extremely lucrative until the last of the ore is sifted and virtually worthless thereafter, which should raise a question mark over any forward earnings multiple that extends much beyond the current ten-year licence period. The justification for the MAI bid is threefold; it will raise advertising revenue, permit cost savings and pave the way for joint programme-making. Close up, two-thirds of that looks less convincing.

The combination of the two airtime sales teams will indeed, if past experience is any guide, raise revenue, but this could be achieved by putting the teams into the same joint venture, presumably Meridian/HTV's Merlin offshoot, the OFT willing. Meridian is not itself a programme-maker, although its financial clout will be welcome. In effect, this is all about cost-savings, possibly of as much as £15 million a year. Lord Hollick is not known for overpaying and has clearly done his sums. Meridian, a start-up business, employs 320. Anglia, already well down the cost-cutting path but still encrusted with ancient TV practices, has almost 560. No prizes for guessing on which side the axe will fall.

Board revolution that went half way

☐ THE CAREFUL professional search that Pennington revealed in November to find a new owner for PRO NED, wirthiest of the business establishment's corporate governance initiatives, has ended at home. The Bank of England and its co-sponsors preferred a 50/50 offer from management and the Egon



Zehnder European executive search firm to higher offers from elsewhere, though since the sum involved appears to have been less than £400,000, this was not a great sacrifice.

PRO NED's Colin St Johnston and his new partners won the beauty contest because they are keen to continue campaigning, research and consulting with industry in the cause of non-executive directors. PRO NED's commercial business of finding non-executives for companies was really started to support its campaigning work. After privatisation, as is proper, the campaigning will effectively act as promotion for the commercial business. The sale is a reminder, however, of just how far the word has spread since the Bank's seemingly eccentric initiative 12 years ago. As Mr St Johnston points out, the main business is now replacing up to 100 non-execs a year rather than prising them into public company boardrooms for the first time over the "proned" bodies of rampaging bosses.

One of the main battles has been to persuade boards to choose independent non-executives through an objective process, rather than cronies. Yet the non-executive revolution has spawned a new orthodoxy that might soon become just as stifling and inward-looking as the old boy network. More than half the non-executives appointed are executive directors of other big companies. Of the rest, many are retired or former chief executives or finance directors, providing a second career for chaps who had their own ship boarded by takeover pirates. Retired Whitehall mandarins are also acceptable, though politicians have lost their gloss. PRO NED will now also be able to offer continental equivalents.

If forced to have independent non-executives on the board, managements still want to make sure they are "one of us". Only among women, where demand for non-executives wildly exceeds the top executives available, are most boards prepared to go outside the circle of those who can be relied on to share their views about generous contracts and share options, and who share the suspicion of anyone who might bring to the board the perspectives of the wider public, however well washed.

Lloyd's rumblings sound ominous

☐ EXTERNAL disasters such as *the Los Angeles earthquake* show Lloyd's at its professional best. That is what the new management would love to get back to. Not much chance of that. The vote among names taking legal action over Gooda Walker syndicates to keep going may not have been decisive, but further lengthens the odds against Lloyd's £900 million global out-of-court settlement receiving the 70 per cent approval among the afflicted that its promoters insist on. There are two big flaws in the Lloyd's plan. The first, owing much to emotions aroused by incompetence in the excess of loss and long-tail risk markets involved, is that many names think the insiders have got off too lightly: too much of the £900 million is recycling of central provisions; errors and omissions insurers have struck a better bargain for themselves than lawyers would have reached negotiating the night before the case; and Lloyd's chairman David Rowland's broking fraternity, which profited so much from the LMX spiral, has not contributed as it should.

The second is the gap of nearly two years between names' decision on the settlement and the planned final reinsurance of affected syndicates through Newco, which will help crystallise unknown but frightening future liabilities not covered by *the offer. This may prove fatal.*

Litigants from Feltrim syndicates, due to vote on their action on Friday, might finally sink the offer. They are second in importance to the Gooda Walker names. If they spurn Lloyd's, the prospect of endless litigation, endless anxiety and random justice will loom. And if the chaps at Lloyd's have any sense, they will rethink a new offer linked to the 1995 reinsurance.

Sainsbury moves into discount market

■ Tesco is expected to announce a cut in its capital expenditure plans for new superstores today, as it adjusts to the new low-growth retailing environment

By Susan Gilchrist

SAINSBURY, Britain's biggest food retailer, has opened a new discount store in Beckton, east London, in what is seen as a bid to combat the threat from Costco, the US warehouse club that opened nearby in November.

The new Bulksava store, which opened last Friday, offers prices between 10 per cent and 15 per cent below a traditional Sainsbury superstore.

However a company spokesman insisted the new format was not a response to the threat from Costco. "It is just coincidence that the store is near Thurrock." He said the Bulksava store was intended to pick up the customer overflow from the group's Savacentre outlet next door. "The Savacentre was an overtraded store and far too busy for its size." The Beckton outlet is only about 78,000 sq ft, almost half the size of a standard Savacentre store. The Bulksava format sells a limited number of bulk grocery lines, as well as electrical items including toasters and television sets. But, unlike Costco, does not charge a membership fee.

Sainsbury, chaired by David Sainsbury, has no immediate plans to roll out the Bulksava format to other sites. "It is hard to see where it goes from here. It was a localised solution to a localised problem," the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Tesco admits the launch of its new offer, ironically also called Bulksaver, which allows customers to buy certain lines of groceries in bulk, is aimed at Costco. A Tesco spokeswoman said there were no plans to roll out the offer, which is only available at its Thurrock store, to other outlets.

Tesco is expected to announce substantial reductions in its capital expenditure plans for new stores when it delivers its Christmas trading statement today. It may cut its capex budget by up to 40 per cent as it seeks to adjust to the new low growth retailing environment. Tesco is also expected to announce that, in future, it will depreciate the value of its stores. The failure by the supermarket groups to depreciate land and buildings has attracted growing criticism in the City. Tesco's move would follow a similar decision last month by Argyll. The company said it would wipe £40 million of its bottom line.



Sainsbury: no plans

Photo-Me focuses on LIG offshoot

By Our City Staff

SPECULATION mounted that Photo-Me International, the leading photo booth manufacturer, is on the verge of taking over the photo processing operations of London International Group, the health and personal products group.

Photo-Me, which was due to report its interim results, refused to identify its intended target, but said negotiations with a business in a "complementary" field were at "an advanced stage". It added that any deal would be funded through the issue of Photo-Me shares, which would be retained by the vendors.

A spokeswoman for LIG confirmed that the group was "in negotiations" with a possible buyer for its loss-making photo operations, which were put up for sale last December, after a strategic review. The business, which processes film for retailers such as Boots, SupaSnaps and Menzies, made an operating loss of £1.1 million in the first half to September, on sales of £72.9 million.

The rumours fuelled a rise in the shares, with LIG up 4p to 166p and Photo-Me 10p ahead at 295p.

Photo-Me, which has always sought acquisitions to drive profits growth, said a further announcement together with the delayed interim results would be made "as soon as possible". A spokesman said this meant "days rather than weeks". The group disappointed the City last year when it showed only modest growth for the year to June, with profits up from £16.4 million to £17.6 million.

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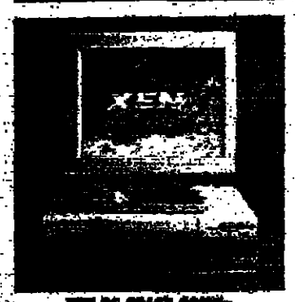


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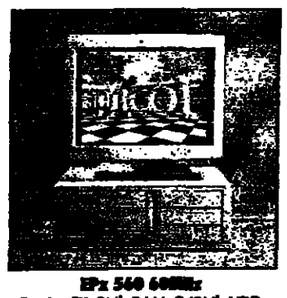


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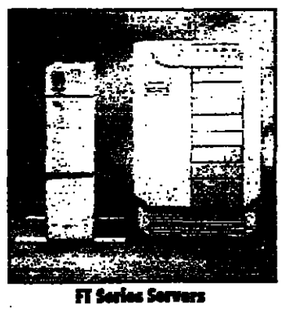


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Bull run continues as £8.8bn is added to share values

EQUITIES continued their bull run as base rate cut hopes, combined with improving economic news, firm gilts, strong futures and stock shortages, helped London share values add £8.79 billion.

A positive start on Wall Street further bolstered sentiment. The FT-SE 100 index advanced 29.2 points to 3,437.0. However, second-line shares again enjoyed the best gains as a combination of fund-switching and stock shortages helped to push the FT-SE Mid 250 through the 4,000 barrier, with the index ending up 64.5 at 4,013.3.

Volume, swollen by good two-way trade and American arbitrage business on FT-SE shares, reached an active 964.9 million shares traded.

STOCK MARKET

Media shares were in the spotlight again as **MAI**, the financial services and media group, launched a £292 million agreed bid for **Anglia Television**.

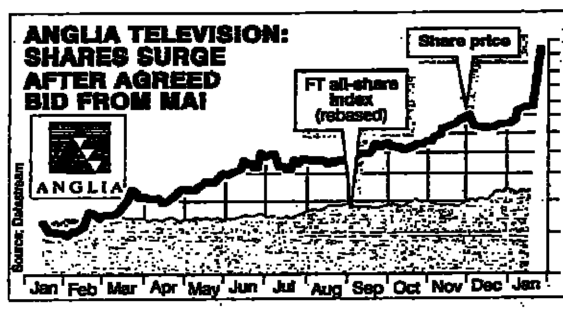
The latest twist in the ITV takeover saga saw Anglia shares surge 180p to 664p, while MAI, which owns 61 per cent of Meridian, the South of England broadcaster, jumped 31p to 315p.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Carlton Communications** advanced 39p to £10.10, while **Scottish TV** gained 25p to 491p, **Yorkshire** 15p to 201p and **Ulster** 12p to 565p. **LWT (Holdings)**, where there are hopes of an increased bid from **Granada**, firmed 7p to 675p. Granada was unchanged at 552p.

Several insurance companies were weaker, unsettled by worries of possible exposure to the Los Angeles earthquake, with **General Accident** down 6p to 739p, **Royal Insurance** 4p to 323p, and **Sun Alliance** 8p to 387p. **BAT** eased 1p to 520p.

Shares in **Eastern Electricity** added a further 20½p to 664½p, in the wake of Monday's news that the regional electricity distributor had been buying back its own shares.

The thought that the move could set a trend in the sector, combined with a variety of broker buy recommendations, helped **East Midland** add 16p to 647p, **London** 28p to 659p, **Manweb** 17p to 747p, **Northern** 20p to 709p, **Seeboard** 23p to 738p, **Southern** 23p to 690p and **Yorkshire** 20p to 676p.



Food retailers declined to join the party, with caution ahead of the trading statement due later this week from **Tesco**, a company regarded widely as a touchstone for the sector's prospects. Tesco fell ½p to 236½p, **Sainsbury** 9p to 467p. **Argyll**, owner of Safeway chain, 6p to 297p, and **Asda** eased 1p to 61½p.

Among non-food retailers, **Kingfisher**, owner of Comet, and **Dixons**, which owns the Currys chain, were off 16½p to 706½p and 16p to 212p respectively, undermined by the Office of Fair Trading's forthcoming investigation into electrical goods' extended warranties. **Domestic and General**, the domestic appliance breakdown insurance company, fell 50p to £16.98p.

Equities with Hong Kong exposure caught the sun after an overnight rebound in the local stock market, with **HSBC Holdings**, parent of Midland Bank, climbing 44p to 947p, **Standard Chartered** 38p to £12.03p and **Cable and Wireless** moving up 12p to 519p. In pharmaceuticals, **Zeneca** fell 12p to 827p after a James Capel downgrade.

Fisons was off 3½p at 139½p, on volume of 13 million. Renewed bid speculation helped to lift **Racal Electronics**, up 4p to 208p, with **GEC**, 3p firmer at 334p, mentioned as a possible interested party.

There was also interest in **Babcock International**, one of our Tempus tips of the year, as the shares firmed ¼p to 37¾p, on volume of 7.2 million. But **British Aerospace** fell 23p to 391p, depressed by reports of a Henderson sell recommendation and fears that Lockheed might win a contract to provide the RAF with its next generation of transport aircraft.

Proteus International rose 42p to 472p on the back of an alliance with American Home Products. **Reuters** went against the trend in spite of talk of a possible share split, losing 34p to £18.86 after reports Merrill Lynch had taken the stock off its buy list.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Government stocks enjoyed healthy rises across the board, with gains stretching to a full point at the longer end. The Bank of England announced an issue for auction on next Wednesday of £2.75 billion of 6¼ per cent Treasury stock 2010.

It will be partly-paid, with a payment due on March 14. The long gilt future ended 26 ticks higher at £119 1/32, on active volume of 79,000 contracts traded.

PHILIP PANGALOS AND MARTIN FLANAGAN

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4985 (+0.0063)
German mark	2.6164 (-0.0027)
Exchange index	82.8 (+0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3437.0 (+29.2)
Dow Jones	3874.23 (+3.94)*
Nikkei Avg	18514.55 (-210.82)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5½%
3-month Interbank	5 7/16-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds	3 1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.96-2.94%*
Long Bond	6.28%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4965*	£:$	1.4965
$:DM	1.7460*	£:DM	2.6137
$:SWfr	1.4644*	£:SWfr	2.1917
$:Ffr	5.9305*	£:Ffr	8.8720
$:Yen	110.72*	£:Yen	165.67
£:SDR	1.0871	£:ECU	1.3465

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):

AM 392.50	PM 392.55
Close	391.30-391.80
New York:	
Comex	391.45-391.95*

OIL

Brent Crude $13.90 per bbl (Mar)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.6 Nov (1.4%) Jan 1987=100

* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.08
Austria Sch	19.37	17.87
Belgium Fr	57.54	53.14
Canada $	2.078	1.918
Cyprus Cyp£	0.813	0.763
Denmark Kr	10.74	9.94
Finland Mkk	9.15	8.35
France Fr	9.32	8.62
Germany Dm	2.77	2.56
Greece Dr	396.50	371.50
Hong Kong $	12.21	11.21
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2635.00	2480.00
Japan Yen	181.50	164.50
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	3.078	2.848
Norway Kr	11.82	11.02
Portugal Esc	273.50	255.00
S Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	221.50	207.50
Sweden Kr	12.65	11.85
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	22890.0	21890.0
USA $	1.593	1.463

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Zeneca seeks partner

Zeneca Agrochemicals, part of Zeneca, the demerged pharmaceuticals arm of ICI, is seeking a joint venture partner and a site to build a $40 million herbicide plant in China. The plant will produce paraquat, the active ingredient in gramaxone, one of Zeneca's leading products.

China's market for non-selective herbicides has doubled in two years and demand for gramaxone been met by imports.

HHR purchase

Worthington Group, the textiles accessories maker, is paying £1.72 million for Henderson Holmes & Reiss, which makes waistbands for menswear. Worthington announced a one-for-three rights issue of 6.3 million shares at 51p a share to raise £2.9 million, to fund the acquisition's cash component and cut debt. In the year to March 31, 1993 HHR made profits of £482,000 on sales of £7.9 million.

Insurance chief

Roger Taylor, 52, is to move from deputy to chief executive at Sun Alliance, the UK insurer, replacing Sir Roger Neville who stands down in June.

Auctions static

Central Motor Auctions reported static pre-tax profits of £0.86 million (£0.85 million) in the year to October 31, 1993. Earnings per share were 4.52p (5.46p), and there is an unchanged total dividend of 4p.

Siemens UK turnover tops £1bn for first time

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH operations of Siemens, the German electronics and electrical engineering group, will this year see a "large swing" to higher profits, with all activities returning to the black, Jürgen Gehrels, Siemens plc chairman, said.

The UK workforce, which fell 3.7 per cent to 9,829 last year, will also show a significant rise, he said, as Siemens moves towards its goal of making Britain its second biggest market in Europe after Germany. About 9 per cent of the parent company's shares are held in Britain, the largest national concentration of shares outside Germany.

After boosting UK turnover 40 per cent to £1.24 billion in the year to September 30, the first time in Britain that it has passed £1 billion, Herr Gehrels said Siemens expected 1 per cent higher turnover this year.


Gehrels: confident

Excluding big power station projects, which distort the overall picture, he said turnover would this year rise by about 7.5 per cent, with orders expected to rise 10 per cent to just under £1.1 billion.

Herr Gehrels said the UK operations were "just profitable" last year, but that upfront investment and property write-offs at Siemens Plessey, its radar and military communications arm, acquired in 1988, were the main factor restraining profits. Profits from GPT, the telecommunications group in which Siemens has a 40 per cent stake, are not included in the Siemens UK figures.

Siemens announced the acquisition of the ACT Cablestream, the area networking subsidiary of ACT, the software and services group. The acquisition had turnover of £14 million last year.

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Stanley Leisure seeks £21m

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

LEONARD Steinberg's Stanley Leisure, Britain's fourth-biggest bookmaker which also has significant casino interests, is asking shareholders for £21 million to cut borrowings and position it for making more acquisitions.

The company is issuing 7.9 million new shares at 275p each on the basis of three for every 17 held. The offer price compares with a market price yesterday of 333p, down 2p, as the group also revealed that in the six months to October 31 it boosted profits 52 per cent to £5.4 million (£3.5 million).

Stanley Leisure has spent £44 million on acquisitions and now has 401 bookmakers' shops and 18 casinos. Mr Steinberg, who is chairman, said he would not take up his rights issue entitlement and would let his 30.4 per cent stake in the company reduce to 25.9 per cent. On trading, he said the onset of evening racing played a part in the profits push.

Earnings per share rose 52.2 per cent to 8.34p. The interim dividend is increased by 15 per cent to 1.75p. Stanley Leisure also says it intends, subject to continued satisfactory trading, to recommend a final dividend of 3.5p a share, making a total of 5.25p, up 21.5 per cent.

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Dow ahead in early trading

NEW YORK — US shares retained a modest upside bias in midday trading, marked by an increasing focus on quarterly earnings. Philip Tasho, managing director of Riggs Investment Management Corporation, said: "There is going to be a steady stream of earnings the market will focus on. The first companies to report are the finance companies and banks, and they have been reporting good numbers." The Dow Jones industrial average was up 3.94 points at 3,874.23, after reaching 3,880.14.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares closed lower in lacklustre trading on selling by Japanese institutional investors before their March book closings, brokers said. Arbitrage-linked selling and stop-loss selling had accelerated the fall in the afternoon, they said. The Nikkei average ended at 18,514.55, down 210.82 points. *(Reuter)*

	Jan 18 midday	Jan 17 close
AMP Inc	62¾	62½
AMR Corp	70¾	70¾
Abbott Labs	30	29¾
Aetna Life	57¾	57½
Ahmanson (HF)	19¾	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	47	47¼
Albertson's	26	25¾
Alcan Aluminium	23¾	22¾
Alco Standard	58¼	59¾
Allied Signal	77¾	77¾
Alum Co of Am	73¾	74¼
Amax Gold Inc	7¾	7¾
Amerada Hess	46¾	46¾
Amer Brands	35¾	34¾
Amer Cyanamid	48¾	48¾
Amer El Power	35¾	35¾
Amer Express	31¼	31¼
Amer Genl Corp	29¾	29¼
Amer Home Pr	65	64¾
Amer Intl	89¾	86
Amer Stores	42¾	43
Amer T & T	55¾	54¾
Ameritech	74¾	74¾
Amoco	54¼	53¾
Anheuser-Busch	49¾	49¾
Apple Computer	29¾	30¼
Archer Daniels	25¾	25¾
Arkla	8¼	8
Armco	6¼	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	52¾	53¾
Asarco	25¾	25¾
Ashland Oil	38¾	38¾
Atl Richfield	108¾	108¾
Auto Data Pro	54	53¾
Avery Dennison	28	28
Avon Products	53¾	53¾
Baker Hughes	21¼	21¼
Baltim Gas & El	24¾	24¾
Banc One	36¾	37¾
BankAmerica	48¾	48¾
Bank of NY	56¾	56¾
Bankers Tr NY	79¾	79¾
Barnett Banks	40¾	40¾
Bausch & Lomb	49¾	49¾
Baxter Intl	24¼	24¼
Becton Dicknsn	35¾	36
Bell Atlantic	53¾	59¾
BellSouth	55¾	55¾
Black & Decker	20¾	19¾
Block (H&R)	43	42¾
Boeing	45	44¾
Boise Cascade	26¾	26
Borden Inc	15	15
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	58¾
Browning Ferris	28	27¾
Brunswick	18¾	18¾
Burlington Nthn	60¾	60
CBS	295	290¾
CNA Financial	76¾	76¾
CPC Intl	47¾	47¾
CSX	87¾	87¾
Campbell Soup	39¾	39¾
Can Pacific	17¾	17¾
Cptl Cities ABC	636	624¾
Cptl Holdings	35¾	36¾
Carolina Pwr	28¾	28¾
Caterpillar	92¾	92¾
Central & SW	29¾	29¾
Champion Intl	33¾	34¾
Chase Manhat	35¾	35¾
Chemical Bk	41¼	41½
Chevron Corp	89¾	89¾
Chrysler	62¾	61¼
Chubb Corp	79	77¾
Cigna Corp	65	64¾
Citicorp	40¾	41¼
Clorox	53¾	53¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	40¾	41¾
Colgate-Palmolive	60¾	60¾
Columbia Gas	22¾	22¾
Commonw Ed	26¾	26¼
Compaq Comp	79	78¾
Comp Ass Int	43¾	43¾
Conagra	26¾	26¾
Cons Edison	30¾	30¾
Cons Nat Gas	45¾	45¾
Conr Rail	67¾	67¾
Cooper-Inds	50¾	50¾
Corning Inc	31¼	31¼
Crown Cork	38¼	38¾
Dana Corp	58¾	59¾
Dayton Hudson	67¾	68¾
Deere	78¾	79¾
Delta Air Lines	55¾	56
Deluxe Corp	37	37¾
Detroit Edison	29¾	29¾
Digital Equip	36¾	36¾
Dillard Dept St	34¾	34¾
Disney (Walt)	46¾	46¾
Dominion Res	43¾	43¾
Donelley (RR)	30¾	30¾
Dover Corp	60¾	60¾
Dow Chemical	60¾	59¾
Dow Jones	38¾	38¾
Dresser	22¾	21¼
Duke Power	41¾	41¾
Dun & Brdstreet	61¼	61¼
Du Pont	53¾	52¾
Eastman Kodak	45¾	46

	Jan 18 midday	Jan 17 close
Eaton Corp	56½	55¾
Emerson Elec	62¾	62¾
Engelhard Corp	26	26¼
Enron Corp	30¾	30
Ethyl Corp	18¾	18¾
Exxon	65¾	65
FMC Corp	48¾	48¾
FPL Group	36¾	36¾
Federal Express	74¾	74¾
Fed Nat Mtge	85¾	85¾
First Chicago	43	42¾
First Interstate	67¾	68¾
First Union Rty	10¾	10¾
Fleet Fnl Grp	34¾	34¾
Fluor Corp	43¾	42¾
Ford Motor	69	68¾
GTE Corp	34¾	34¾
Gannett	58¾	58¾
Gap Inc Del	42¾	42¾
Gen Dynamics	92¾	92¾
Gen Electric	108¾	107¾
Gen Mills	58¾	58¾
Gen Motors	61¼	60¾
Gen Reinsurance	103¾	104
Gen Signal	35¾	35¾
Genuine Parts	39¾	38¾
Georgia Pac	74	73¾
Gillette	60¾	60¾
Glaxo ADR	20¾	20¾
Goodrich (BF)	41¼	41¼
Goodyear Tire	47¾	49¾
Grace (WR)	41¼	41¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24¾	24¾
Great Wstn Fin	19¾	20¾
Halliburton	33¾	33¾
Harcourt General	36¾	36¾
Heinz (HJ)	35¾	35¾
Hercules	109	108¾
Hershey Foods	48	47¾
Hewlett Packard	86¾	87¾
Hilton Hotels	64½	64½
Home Depot	37¾	37¾
Homestake Mng	24¾	24¾
Honeywell	32¾	33¾
Household Intl	32¾	32¾
Houston Inds	44	44
Humana	18¾	18¾
ITT Corp	92¾	92¾
Illinois Tool	41¾	41½
INCO	28¾	28¾
Ingersoll Rand	38¾	37¾
Inland Steel	37	36¾
Intel Corp	66¾	66¾
IBM	56¾	57¾
Intl Flav & Fr	115¾	115¾
Intl Paper	73¾	72¾
James River Va	19¾	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44	44¾
K Mart	19¾	19¾
Kellogg	53¾	55¾
Kerr-McGee	45¾	45¾
Kimberly-Clark	53¾	53¾
Knight-Ridder	57¾	57½
Lilly (Eli)	61½	59¾
Limited Inc	17¾	17¾
LIN Brdcsting	109¾	110¾
Lincoln Nat	41¼	41½
Litton	70¾	70¾
Liz Claiborne	22¾	22¾
Lockheed Corp	65	64¾
Louisiana Pac	43¾	42¾
MCI Commun	26¾	26¾
Marriott Int	28¾	28¾
Marsh & McLnn	81½	81¾
Masco Corp	36¾	36¼
May Dept St	39¾	39¾
Maytag Corp	18	17¾
McCaw Cellular	53¾	52
McDonalds	57¾	56¾
McDonnell D	111¼	112¾
McGraw Hill	68¾	68¾
Mead Corp	46¾	47
Medtronic	82¾	81¾
Mellon Bk	54¾	54¾
Melville Corp	40	40¾
Merck Inc	36½	36¾
Merrill Lynch	42¾	41¼
Minnesota Mine	108¾	109
Mobil Corp	78¾	78¾
Monsanto	78¾	78¾
Morgan (JP)	71¼	70¾
Motorola Inc	99¾	99
Natl Medical	14¾	15
Natl Semi	18¾	18¾
Natl Service Ind	26¾	25¾
Navistar Int	26¾	26¾
NBD Bancorp	29¾	29¾
NY Times A	28¾	28¾
Newmont Mng	58¾	58¾
Niag Mohawk	19¾	19½
Nike B	52	51¼
NL Industries	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	39¾	34¾
Norfolk Sthrn	72¾	72¾
Nthn State Pwr	42¼	42¾
Norwest Corp	24¾	24¾
Nynex Corp	38¾	39¾
Occidental Pet	17¾	17¾
Ohio Edison	21¼	21¼
Oracle Systems	34	33¾

	Jan 18 midday	Jan 17 close
Oryx Energy Co	18¾	18¾
Owens Corning	42¾	42¾
PNC Financial	29¾	28¾
PPG Industries	75¾	75¾
Paccar Inc	57¾	57¾
Pacificorp	18¾	18¾
Pac Enterprises	22¾	23¾
Pac Gas & Elect	33¾	32¾
Pac Telesis	55¾	55¾
Pall Corp	18¾	18¾
Panhandle East	24¾	23¾
Paramount Comm	79¾	78¾
Parker Hannifin	37¾	37¾
Penney (JC)	51¼	51¼
Pennzoil	54¾	53¾
Pepsico	39¾	39¾
Pfizer	68¾	67¾
Phelps Dodge	53¾	53¾
Philadel Elec	29¾	29¾
Philip Morris	57¾	56¾
Phillips Pet	29¾	29¾
Pitney Bowes	42	42
Polaroid	35¾	35¾
PriceCostco	18¾	18¾
Procter & Gmbl	58¾	57¾
Pub Serv E & G	30¾	30¾
Quaker Oats	66¾	66¾
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	37¾	38¾
Raytheon	66¾	66¾
Reebok Intl	33¾	33¾
Reynolds Metals	47¾	47¾
Roadway Srvcs	63¾	62¾
Rockwell Intl	38¾	39
Rohm & Haas	58¾	59
Royal Dutch	108	107
Rubbermaid	32¾	32¾
Safeco Corp	54¾	53¾
St Paul's Cos	86	85¾
Salomon Inc	45¾	49¾
Santa Fe Pac	26	25
Sara Lee Corp	23¾	24¾
Seecorp	19¾	19¾
Schering Plough	66¾	66¾
Schlumberger	60¾	60¾
Scott Paper	43¾	43¾
Seagram	29¾	29¾
Sears Roebuck	52¾	52¾
Shell Trans	65¾	65¾
Sherwin Wllms	34¾	34¾
Skyline Corp	20¾	20¾
Snap-On-Tools	40¾	40¾
Southern Co	43½	42¾
Sthwestern Bell	39	38¾
Sprint Corp	35¾	35¾
Stanley Works	43¾	42¾
Sun Company	31¾	31¾
Sun Microsys	29¾	29¾
Suntrust	45¾	45¾
Supervalu	38¾	38¾
Syntex Corp	15¾	15¾
Sysco Corp	28¾	27¾
TRW Inc	71¾	70¾
Tandem Comp	11½	11¾
Tandy Corp	44¾	44½
Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Teledyne	26¾	26¾
Temple Inland	53¾	52¾
Tenneco	56¾	56¾
Texaco	65¾	65¾
Texas Inst	71½	72¾
Texas Utilities	39¾	39¾
Textron	58¾	58¾
Time Warner	39¾	39¾
Times-Mirror	35¾	36
Timken	33¾	34
Torchmark	45¾	45¾
Toys R Us	38¾	39¾
Transamerica	56¾	56¾
Travelers	39¾	39¾
Tribune	60¾	59¾
Tyco Labs	51	51¼
UAL Corp	144¾	144¾
UST Inc	29	28¾
USX Marathon	17	17
Unilever NV	116¾	114¾
Union Camp	50	49¾
Union Carbide	24¾	24¾
Union Pacific	66¾	66¾
Unisys Corp	13¾	13¾
USAIR Group	14	13¾
USF&G Corp	14¾	14½
US Life	38¾	38¾
US West	42¾	42¾
United Tech	64¾	64¾
Unocal Corp	29	28¾
Upjohn	29¾	29¾
VF Corp	45¾	45¾
WMX Tech	29¾	29¾
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	65¾	65¾
Wells Fargo	137	136¾
Westinghouse El	13¾	13¾
Weyerhaeuser	47¾	47¾
Whirlpool	66¾	66¾
Whitman	16¾	16¾
Winn Dixie	49¾	49¾
Woolworth	25¾	25¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44¾	44
Xerox	91¾	91¾

RISES:

Barclays	617p (+10p)
HSBC	947p (+44p)
Kleinwort Benson	654p (+16p)
H Boot	330p (+46p)
J Mowlem	174p (+19p)
Tilbury Douglas	693p (+40p)
De La Rue	935p (+21p)
Johnson Matth	568p (+17p)
Bemrose	455p (+25p)
Watmough	455p (+16p)
Herring Baker	76p (+15p)
Courtauld Text	545p (+18p)
Essex Furn	251p (+26p)
Church	490p (+45p)
NFC	279p (+13p)

FALLS:

Estates Agency	395p (-11p)
Zeneca	827p (-12p)
Allders	235p (-13p)
Dixons Group	212p (-16p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Aberforth Split Lvl C (100)	101½	+1
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	95½	...
CLM Insce (100)	113	+1
Chelsfield (155)	180	+1
DFS Furniture (260)	332	+2
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98	...
Finsbury Undrwrtng Inv	112	+1
For & Col Smaller (100)	115	...
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	122	...
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	62	+ ½
Gartmore (168)	212	+5
Harmony Leisure Wts	4½	...
Litho Supplies (190)	241	...
NM Smllr Wts	73	+2
Pantheon Wts	83	...
Pilot Inv C (100)	110	...
Rackwood (40)	44	...
Rossmont (10)	11	...
Securitised End Cont (60)	70	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo Irish n/p (48)	16	+1
Cementone n/p (73)	15	...
Europe Energy n/p (5)	8½	+ ½
Halkin n/p (68)	2½	-1
Ramus n/p (25)	1¼	...

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	8,500	Cadbury	1,300	MEPC	1,300	Scot Power	1,200
Abbey Natl	2,300	Caradon	2,000	Marks Spr	6,600	Sears	26,000
Alld-Lyons	1,300	Carlton Cms	1,300	NFC	224	Svrn Trent	1,800
Anglian W	1,300	Coats Vyla	1,000	NatWst Bk	1,900	Shell Trans	2,300
Argyll Gp	4,600	Cm Union	1,100	Nat Power	2,400	Siebe	2,100
Arjo Wiggn	607	Courtaulds	674	Nth Wst W	708	SmKl Bch	2,300
AB Foods	154	Enterpr Oil	1,300	Nthrn Fds	2,800	Smith Nph	1,400
BAA	1,100	Forte	1,400	P & O	2,200	Sthrn Elec	752
BAT Inds	7,100	GRE	1,300	Pearson	3,000	Std Chartd	1,300
BOC	2,000	GUS	878	PowerGen	1,100	Sun Allnce	7,300
BP	5,700	Gen Acc	97	Prudential	2,000	TI Gp	1,400
BTR	9,200	Gen Elec	4,800	RMC	661	TSB	5,500
BT	4,500	Glaxo	3,100	RTZ	6,500	Tesco	4,200
Bk of Scot	2,200	Granada	4,300	Rank Org	1,700	Thames W	929
Barclays	2,800	Grand Met	4,400	Reckitt Col	558	Thrn EMI	2,200
Bass	1,500	Guinness	3,900	Redland	1,600	Tomkins	7,900
Blue Circle	1,900	HSBC	4,600	Reed Intl	3,200	Unilever	2,200
Boots	2,900	Hanson	11,000	Rentokil	737	Utd Bisc	766
Bowater	2,000	ICI	1,500	Reuters	1,700	Vodafone	2,000
Brit Aero	7,000	Inchcape	2,400	Rolls Royce	8,900	Wrbrg (SG)	1,100
Brit Airwys	3,300	Kingfisher	2,800	Ryl Ins	373	Wellcome	2,400
Brit Gas	5,100	Ladbroke	7,400	Ryl Bk Scot	734	Whtbrd 'A'	2,800
Brit Steel	17,000	Land Secs	2,700	Sainsbury	2,900	Wlms Hld	1,500
Burmah Cstl	130	Legal & Gn	1,100	Schroders	102	Wolseley	859
Cable Wire	4,700	Lloyds Bk	1,800	Scot & New	1,700	Zeneca	3,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3874.23 (+3.94)
S&P Composite	474.38 (+1.08)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Av'ge	18514.55 (-210.82)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	11017.69 (+224.77)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	425.16 (+2.23)

Sydney: AO 2232.1 (-6.1)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2113.84 (-23.54)

FT 30 share: 2623.5 (+7.8)

Brussels:

General	7642.72 (+38.22)

Paris: CAC-40 2247.35 (+12.57)

Zurich: SKA Gen 723.70 (+8.10)

London:

FT A All-Share	1715.63 (+17.82)
FT Non Financials	1825.18 (+16.32)
FT Gold Mines	247.6 (-2.7)
FT Fixed Interest	131.57 (+0.03)
FT Govt Secs	106.13 (+0.38)
Bargains	36980
SEAQ Volume	964.9m
USM (Datastrm)	160.26 (+1.66)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 10	January 21	April 7	April 18

Calls on 18/1/94: Aegis, Aminex, Arcon Int, Boddingtons, Burton, Costain, Kunick, Medeva, Nurdin & Peacock, Osprey, Phonelink, Ramco, Ricardo, Rutland Tst, Scot Nat Cap, Selec TV, Serif, Staveley, Tadpole, Traf House, Turkey Tst. Puts: Aminex, Fisons, London Int, Phonelink, Turkey Tst. Puts & Calls: Arcon Int, Kleinwort, Medeva, Rutland, Selec TV.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 74304)	Mar 94	3419.0	3460.0	3413.0	3458.0	15190
	Jun 94	3438.0	3438.0	3438.0	3472.5	2
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 417848)	Mar 94	94.68	94.74	94.67	94.73	16817
	Jun 94	94.83	94.91	94.82	94.91	24664
	Sep 94	94.83	94.92	94.83	94.92	8288
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 10262)	Mar 94	96.59	96.60	96.59	96.60	162
	Jun 94	96.29	96.29	96.28	96.30	66
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 850667)	Mar 94	94.43	94.45	94.40	94.44	28329
	Jun 94	94.86	94.91	94.85	94.89	22057
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 97003)	Mar 94	118-01	119-05	118-00	119-01	91382
	Jun 94	117-21	118-03	117-21	118-13	99
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	114.61	115.36	114.50	115.29	6565
	Jun 94				114.29	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 156653)	Mar 94	100.53	100.73	100.28	100.71	179541
	Jun 94	100.38	100.45	100.30	100.67	709
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 9606)	Mar 94	103.11	103.24	103.05	103.24	1931
	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 36840)	Mar 94	94.00	94.01	93.98	94.01	2262
	Jun 94	94.50	94.52	94.48	94.51	1045
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 53392)	Mar 94	96.20	96.27	96.18	96.26	8173
	Jun 94	96.50	96.53	96.47	96.53	1417
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 83062)	Mar 94	117.80	118.95	117.67	118.80	59055
	Jun 94	118.30	118.75	118.30	118.91	506

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 82.8 (day's range 82.7-82.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.9223-2.9378	2.9246-2.9282	par-⅛ds	¼pr-par
Brussels	54.30-54.57	54.30-54.41	8-12ds	22-29ds
Copenhagen	10.1330-10.1690	10.1330-10.1490	½-1½ds	1⅝-3⅝ds
Dublin	1.0420-1.0460	1.0425-1.0454	6-9ds	16-21ds
Frankfurt	2.6120-2.6240	2.6120-2.6153	⅛-¼ds	¼-½ds
Lisbon	262.24-263.91	262.24-262.88	120-147ds	330-371ds
Madrid	213.03-214.79	213.03-213.33	71-82ds	179-203ds
Milan	2538.80-2548.70	2544.00-2548.10	6-8ds	17-20ds
Montreal	1.9637-1.9700	1.9670-1.9700	0.32-0.26pr	0.55-0.46pr
New York	1.4945-1.4978	1.4960-1.4970	0.31-0.30pr	0.80-0.77pr
Oslo	11.2200-11.2710	11.2260-11.2420	½-¾ds	⅞-⅜pr
Paris	8.8650-8.9040	8.8650-8.8790	⅞-1⅛ds	2-2⅜ds
Stockholm	12.0890-12.1510	12.0900-12.1140	1⅞-3⅛ds	4⅜-6⅛ds
Tokyo	165.53-166.35	165.53-165.80	½-⅜pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Vienna	18.40-18.46	18.40-18.43	⅛-⅜ds	1pr-1ds
Zurich	2.1901-2.2052	2.1901-2.1932	⅛-⅛pr	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4932-1.4958
Australia dollar	2.1425-2.1451
Bahrain dinar	0.558-0.570
Brazil cruzeiro *	579.58-581.17
Cyprus pound	0.769-0.779
Finland marka	8.417-8.533
Greece drachma	372.5-379.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.5550-11.5619
India rupee	46.49-47.45
Kuwait dinar KD	0.441-0.451
Malaysia ringgit	4.0803-4.0867
Mexico peso	4.58-4.68
New Zealand dollar	2.6510-2.6555
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.547-5.673
Singapore dollar	2.4063-2.4086
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4670-6.5463
S Africa rand (com)	5.1077-5.1142
U A E dirham	5.433-5.557

Barclays Bank GTS * *Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4320-1.4341
Austria	12.31-12.32
Belgium (Com)	36.40-36.41
Canada	1.3135-1.3140
Denmark	6.7860-6.7915
France	5.9382-5.9412
Germany	1.7513-1.7523
Hong Kong	7.7255-7.7260
Ireland	1.4292-1.4307
Italy	1698.75-1699.75
Japan	110.97-111.02
Malaysia	2.729-2.731
Netherlands	1.9605-1.9610
Norway	7.5208-7.5228
Portugal	175.8-176.1
Singapore	1.6085-1.6095
Spain	142.5-142.6
Sweden	8.1025-8.1125
Switzerland	1.4705-1.4715

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5⅜
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5 5/16; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth: 4 15/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 5/16-5¼	5¼-5 3/16	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Interbank:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5½, close 9.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅜	n/a	5⅜	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	3.08	n/a	3.12	3.31	3.52
Building Society CDs:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5¼-5⅛	5¼-5⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1993. Agreed rates Jan 26, 1994 to Feb 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.65%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1993 to Dec 31, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 5.375%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅝-6⅜	6⅝-6⅜	6⅝-6⅜	6-5⅞	7⅛-6⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅜-4⅛	4⅜-4⅛	4⅛-3⅞	3⅞-3⅝	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS

Bullion: Open $392.50-392.90 Close: $391.30-391.80 High: $394.10-394.60 Low: $390.30-390.80 Krugerrand: $390.00-393.00 (£260.00-262.00)
Sovereigns: Old $91.00-93.00 (£60.50-62.50) New $91.00-93.00 (£60.50-62.50)
Platinum: $394.00 (£263.55) Silver: $5.26 (£3.515) Palladium: $124.90 (£83.55)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	650	11	34½	45	9	26	42½
(*651½)	700	1	14½	24	51	57½	74
Argyll	280	19½	31	37	1½	10½	18
(*297)	300	5½	19½	26	7½	19	28
ASDA	60	3½	7½	10	1½	5	7
(*61½)	70	½	3½	—	9½	11½	13½
Boots	550	21½	39½	53	2½	16	27
(*568½)	600	1½	17½	27½	35	44	54½
Br Airways	460	32	47½	57½	1½	13	22½
(*489½)	500	5½	24	36	15	29	42
BP	360	11	25	34½	4	15	20½
(*366½)	390	1½	11½	20	25½	33	37½
Br Steel	120	5	11½	16½	1½	7	11
(*123½)	130	1½	6½	11	8	12½	16
C & W	500	25	43	57	3	16½	26½
(*519½)	525	7½	28½	43½	12½	28	38
CU	650	34½	47	61	1½	16½	24½
(*681)	700	4	20½	35½	24	44	51
ICI	750	16½	41	55½	7½	39	49½
(*758½)	800	1½	19	34½	45	73½	81½
Kingfshr	700	17	48	61½	9	27	38½
(*710½)	750	2½	25½	39	43	54½	67
Land Sec	750	10½	32½	43½	7½	23	35½
(*752)	800	1	12	21½	51	54½	67½
M & S	420	40	48	54	1	5½	11
(*458½)	460	6½	22½	29	7½	20	26½
Nat West	600	15	31½	45½	5½	28½	36
(*608½)	650	1½	13½	24½	44	62½	67½
Sainsbury	460	11½	31½	41	5	19	29½
(*467½)	500	1	13½	23½	35½	43	53½
Shell	700	36	46	57	1½	15½	23½
(*733½)	750	3	18	33	20½	43	49½
Smkl Bch	420	17	37	49½	4	19½	29½
(*435½)	460	2	19½	31	28	43	51½
Storehse	220	17	24	29	1	5½	11
(*236)	240	3	13	19	7½	14½	19½
Trafalgar	97	11	15½	20½	1½	6½	9
(*105½)	106	3	11	16	5	11	14½
Unilever	1150	52	72	91	2	25	39
(*1198)	1200	12½	41	62	15½	49½	61
Zeneca	800	33½	54½	72	4½	32½	44½
(*827)	850	5½	28½	48½	29	61½	71½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grnd Met	460	37	48½	57½	5	14	18½
(*488)	500	12	25	34	22½	32	36½
Ladbroke	200	19	24	32½	5½	14½	19½
(*212½)	220	7½	15	23	15½	26	31
Utd Bisc	360	22½	29½	35	7	17	24½
(*373)	390	7	13	21½	23½	36½	42½

January 18, 1994 Tot: 44815 Call: 30191 Put: 14624 FT-SE Call: 10553 Put: 5680
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	1050	19	55½	75½	9	34	50½
(*1059)	1100	2½	32	51½	45½	62	77
Thames W	550	45½	58½	66½	1	9	19½
(*593)	600	5½	25½	36	13½	25	44½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
BAT Ind	500	31	41	47½	6½	21½	31
(*521)	550	8	17	23½	33½	52½	60½
BTR	360	22	29	37½	5½	14½	19
(*375)	390	6	13½	20	20½	31	35½
Br Aero	390	21	35	46	18	33½	42½
(*390)	420	8½	23½	33½	38	52½	60½
Br Telecm	460	17	28½	37	7½	14	22½
(*467)	500	3½	10½	17½	39½	38½	45½
Cadbury	493	39½	44½	—	3	14	—
(*526)	542	9	17	—	23	39½	—
Guinness	460	24	34½	44½	11	23½	31
(*474½)	500	6	15½	26	33½	48	55
GEC	330	12½	21½	26½	7½	13½	19½
(*334½)	360	2½	8	13	29	31½	38
Hanson	280	8	13½	17½	7½	13½	17½
(*280½)	300	2	6½	10	21½	27	30½
LASMO	120	10	18½	23½	7	13	17
(*124)	130	7	13½	18½	13	18½	23
Lucas	200	12½	19	25	6½	13	16½
(*205)	220	4	10½	16	19	25	28½
Pilkingtn	180	20½	26	30½	3	7	11
(*196)	200	7	14	19½	11	16½	20½
Prudential	360	19	25	31	6	16	20½
(*371)	390	5	11	17½	23½	34½	38
Redland	550	54½	64	70	4	18	26½
(*597½)	600	23	33½	41½	21	42	50
Royal Ins	317	16	—	—	8	—	—
(*323)	346	4½	—	—	27	—	—
Tesco	220	21	25½	30½	5½	12	13½
(*235½)	240	7½	13½	20½	13	18½	24
Vodafone	550	58½	76½	89	6½	18	30½
(*598½)	600	26½	47	61½	25	39	53½
Williams	390	23½	31½	38	6	16	21½
(*405½)	420	7½	16½	24	21½	33	37½

FT-SE INDEX (*3409½)

	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550
Calls						
Jan	152	104	54	18	4	1
Feb	173	131	94	64	41	24
Mar	187	150	115	86	62	42
Apr	205	167	135	106	83	61
Jun	240	—	175	—	120	—
Puts						
Jan	1	1½	4½	22	65	115
Feb	15	23	37	57	86	121
Mar	30	43	59	80	106	138
Apr	47	59	77	97	125	154
Jun	72	—	106	—	152	—

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	500	31	37½	49	16½	24	32½
(*515)	550	8	15½	27½	48½	54	61
Amstrad	45	4½	7	9	4½	6	7½
(*45½)	50	3	5	7	7½	9	10½
Barclays	600	36½	47	59½	22	29½	39
(*615)	650	13½	25	36½	52	58½	67
Blue Circ	360	30	36½	47	13	24	32
(*374)	390	14	23	32½	29	41	48½
Br Gas	330	19	24½	28	8	17	20½
(*337½)	360	6	10	15	26	36½	39
Dixons	200	21	28½	32½	6½	11	18
(*211½)	220	10½	18	22½	16	21	28½
Forte	280	16	22	29½	14	22	26½
(*281)	300	8	13½	21½	26	34	38
Hillsdwn	180	18	23½	24½	5	12	14
(*190)	200	8	11	15½	15½	24½	26
Lonrho	140	14	20	25½	8½	13	16½
(*146)	160	6	12	17	21	25½	28½
Sears	120	9½	12	14½	4½	7½	9
(*123½)	130	5	7½	9½	10½	13½	15
Thrn Eml	1050	67	92½	109½	19	32	52½
(*1086½)	1100	37	65½	79½	41½	55½	76
Tomkins	260	15	25½	29½	10½	14	19½
(*264)	280	6½	16	20½	22	25½	31
TSB	260	21	27½	33½	8	13½	18½
(*274)	280	9½	17	24	18½	24	29
Wellcome	650	49	65½	85	27½	45	58
(*663½)	700	26	43½	61	56½	72½	84
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Glaxo	650	60	81½	94	29½	43	58½
(*681)	700	34½	56½	69	56	68½	85
HSBC	900	80½	101½	119½	38	52½	69
(*945)	950	53½	76	94½	60½	77½	93
Reuter	1850	113½	164	198½	81	104	125½
(*1887)	1900	89½	138	172½	106	128	149½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
R-Royce	156	20	—	—	2	—	—
(*172½)	176	7	—	—	10	—	—
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Fisons	130	19½	26	31½	8½	14	18
(*139½)	140	14	21½	27	13½	19½	23½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastrn Elc	650	29	45½	56	12½	22½	36
(*663)	700	7½	23	31½	43	49½	63
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	460	30	42	51½	17½	27½	37½
(*467½)	500	13	25	33½	41½	52½	61½
Scot Pwr	420	32½	43½	52½	10½	16½	25½
(*443)	460	13	23½	32½	31	37	46

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: London cocoa closed lower erasing some of the gains made over the past few days, while coffee recouped earlier losses to close firmly in the plus column. White sugar followed a low trend during late trade. UK wheat futures finished with prices depressed by a number of factors, in general futures and cash markets were very quiet with little demand for spot feed wheat.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	921-920	May	995-992
May	929-928	Jul	1004-1000
Jul	943-942	Sep	1013-1010
Sep	956-955	Dec	1030-1020
Dec	970-969		
Mar	983-981	Volume:	5292

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1188-1182	Sep	1202-1199
Mar	1203-1202	Nov	1205-1196
May	1207-1206	Jan	1205-1196
Jul	1200-1199	Volume:	2873

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR ($.00pm)

		Oct	10.99-11.14
Spot: 292.90		Jan	10.84-11.34
Mar	10.52-10.70	Mar	10.69-11.54
May	11.06-11.15	May	10.96-11.84
Jul	11.24-11.39	Volume:	unq

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	282.6-80.6
Spot: 290.1		Dec	282.1-78.6
Mar	288.3-87.1	Mar	283.1-79.6
May	288.0-87.0	May	286.0-80.7
Aug	292.9-91.6	Volume:	846

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 18

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	66.55	100.57	121.34
(+/-)	+2.70	+2.64	+0.49
Eng/Wales:	66.73	100.57	120.27
(+/-)	+3.27	+2.68	+1.06
(%)	-13.0	-35.3	-18.7
Scotland:	65.00	100.56	124.46
(+/-)	-1.39	+2.45	-0.82
(%)	-36.7	-16.5	-24.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—		Volume:	0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	99.30
Mar	100.10
May	101.10
Jun	101.65
Sep	90.65
Volume:	471

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	104.15
Mar	105.45
May	106.50
Sep	92.75
Nov	95.00
Volume:	9

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	135.0
Apr	106.0	103.2
May	123.0	121.9
	Volume:	200

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Feb 61.00-61.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Levels eased back down as the weather warmed up in the US.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.10	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Feb)	14.10	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.90	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	14.80	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	15.00	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	145 (n/c)	147 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	146 (-9)	148 (-8)
Non EEC 1H Feb	149 (-8)	152 (-8)
Non EEC 1H Mar	148 (-7)	151 (-6)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	63 (+1)
Naphtha	128 (-2)	130 (-3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	144.75-45.00	May	142.50-42.75
Mar	144.00-44.25	Jun	142.25 BID
Apr	142.25-42.50	Jul	143.50-43.75
			Vol: 19110

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	13.84-13.86	Jun	14.17-14.20
Apr	13.88-13.90	Jul	14.32 BID
May	14.02-14.04		Vol: 23280

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	139.50-44.00	May	153.00-57.00
Mar	144.00-48.00	Jun	161.00 SLR
Apr	151.50-54.00		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 94	1245	1231	1231
Feb 94	1270	1270	1270
Mar 94	1300	1289	1289
Apr 94	1315	1295	1295

Vol: 46 lots Open int'st: 2616 Index 1244 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official)	Cash	3mths	(Volume prev day) Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1825.0-1825.5	1849.0-1850.0	3051600
Lead ($/tonne)	492.50-493.00	505.00-506.00	263750
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1011.0-1011.5	1031.0-1032.0	435400
Tin ($/tonne)	4965.0-4970.0	5020.0-5025.0	32885
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1195.5-1196.0	1214.0-1214.5	2559125
Nickel ($/tonne)	5740.0-5741.0	5800.0-5805.0	79422



Early estimates put the cost of the earthquake damage in California at $7 billion. Only $1 billion of that is thought to be covered by insurance

Hard knocks leave Lloyd's less vulnerable to aftershocks

London insurers expect to escape most of the costs from the Californian earthquake, **Sarah Bagnall** writes

Lloyd's names are likely to escape the bulk of the costs arising from Monday's earthquake in California, which left more than 30 dead, hundreds injured, damaged thousands of buildings and twisted and buckled freeways. Despite estimates putting the damage at $7 billion, London underwriters say the aftershocks of the earthquake are not expcted to reverberate through to the London insurance market.

Ironically, Lloyd's names have the losses of the past two years to thank for that. Lloyd's says it has learnt vital lessons in recent years, but the price has been high. The cost to insurers from windstorms and other natural catastrophes have run into tens of billions of dollars.

The last comparable earthquake to hit California was in 1971. It had almost the same reading on the Richter scale and epicentre as Monday's quake. Measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale, the 1971 quake caused $1.7 billion of damage, of which $1.2 billion was insured. "To translate that into today's money you would have to quadruple it," a Lloyd's spokesman said. But very little of this fell on Lloyd's names.

California lies on the major fault belt circling the Earth. The fault runs the length of South and North America's Pacific coast, through Alaska and across to Japan before turning down through the Philippines, New Guinea and New Zealand. The San Andreas fault stretches for hundreds of miles east of Los Angeles and comes as close as eight miles to the centre of San Francisco.

As in 1971, Lloyd's names today have been saved from shouldering the potentially crippling costs because of events that preceded the quakes. In 1971, the market was still reeling from the aftershocks of Hurricane Betsy, the biggest loss insurers had ever suffered. Today's story is the same. The losses of the last two years have concentrated underwriters' minds. With Hurricane Andrew, which has cost more than $17 billion, still fresh in their minds, underwriters have become far more selective about what they insure — and the terms on which they insure it. The amount of catastrophe cover available around the world has shrunk markedly in recent years. The amount of worldwide catastrophe cover provided by the London market has fallen from an estimated $100 billion five years ago to its present level of about $40 billion. However, the world market received a fresh injection last year when Bermuda set up shop as a new reinsurance centre.

Two years ago, American insurers bought $8 billion of reinsurance cover, up to half of which would have been provided by the London market, and which would have kicked in after the first $1.5 billion of claims. Last year they tried to buy between $7 billion and $8 billion of cover but only managed to get about 70 per cent. And the amount of risk the US insurers have to retain, in order to entice the limited amount of reinsurance cover available, has rocketed to $3.5 billion.

The amount of risk the American insurers have to retain has rocketed

As a result, the London market's share of the losses from Monday's earthquake is expected to be contained. Another limiting factor is that, although early estimates put costs of the damage as high as $7 billion, very little of this is insured.

Sean Mooney, chief economist at the American-based Insurance Information Institute, said only an estimated $1 billion of the total is insured. This is comparable to the 1989 Loma Prieta quake, just outside San Francisco, which triggered $1 billion of claims, very little of which filtered through to the London market.

The vast gap between the insured and uninsured costs of Monday's quake will be partly plugged by federal aid schemes.

The quake, which registered 6.6 on the Richter scale — the scale progresses logarithmically so that magnitude 2 is considered to be 10 times as severe as magnitude 1 — caused severe infrastructure damage. And the cost of repairing damage to California's interstate freeways will be funded by federal aid, as will any damage to essential services.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has estimated that the Los Angeles quake could cost the US Government $1 billion, and this will be largely the cost of repairing collapsed and damaged motorways and bridges.

President Clinton, however, said that these were very early estimates and quantifying the cost was premature.

Unless the government bill or the insurers bill is markedly wrong, it looks as if the vast bulk of the costs will fall on the American public. While it is mandatory for insurers to provide earthquake cover to householders who want it, few are said to have cover. One leading Lloyd's catastrophe underwriter said: "Only about 25 per cent of households have earthquake cover." One reason given for homeowners' reticence about buying cover is the sharp rise in deductibles in recent years. Homeowners now have to bear a bigger share of the risk themselves.

At the time of the 1971 quake, the average homeowner bore 5 per cent of the total claim. Now that homeowner is likely to be shouldering 10 per cent of the claim and in some cases 15 per cent. Premiums have also shot up in the last two years, partly reflecting underwriters' increased sophistication in assessing risks and partly the need for insurers to entice reinsurers to do business. Before Monday, earthquake cover for a $100,000 house would have cost $350 and the owner would have had to meet the first $10,000 of claims.

While many householders are prepared to fork out for the cover, they balk at being stuck with the first tranche of any claim. For a house worth $250,000, the householder faces the prospect of paying up to $37,500 of the costs of rebuilding his home. One underwriter said, however, that it was not the deductibles prompting people to let their policies laspe, it was the absence of a bad earthquake for several years. "There is likely to be a rush by houseowners to buy cover now," he said, adding that "rates may harden a bit more as a result".

Reinsurers, burnt by previous quake claims, have also taken steps to tighten the wording of their policies. In the past, US lawyers have been successful in arguing that a policyholder's catastrophe cover is reinstated for the aftershocks of a quake. That is, insurers may find themselves paying out twice on the same quake. "If we gave $100 million of cover after the first tranche of $20 million of claims we could find ourselves paying out $100 million on the first shock and then another $100 million on the aftershocks. That is no longer possible," one underwriter said.

Some of the $7 billion of claims will feed through to the London market as a result of quota-share agreements and proportional treaty insurance contracts with US insurers. However, this is expected to be a mere trickle and Lloyd's underwriters are sounding relaxed about the latest catastrophe to rock thousands of peoples' lives.

The problem is that the lessons the insurers have learnt have been learnt before — and forgotten. As with many businesses, new blood often has to learn its own lessons.

TEMPUS

Larger than life

MAI has built a reputation for caution and prudence over the years, but it is still difficult not to question its sanity when it is paying 35 times earnings for a business, until one remembers that this is the glossy world of television, where everything is larger than life.

The group claims that the acquisition of Anglia will not dilute earnings, but it is hard to justify the £292 million price on any terms. The cost of financing the mixture of cash and preference shares in the bid is more than £18 million a year, even with interest rates as low as they are. In consequence, MAI will have to nearly double Anglia's profitability in its first year of ownership just to avoid dilution.

At least MAI has not risked its entire future on the bid. The acquisition will consume the group's cash pile and leave it with debts of £50 million. But the group's money-broking operations throw off so much cash that they could easily pay off the entire debt within 18 months. Even if the group's foray into television proves an abject failure, it will merely be costly, not destructive.

Similarly reassuring is the fact that most of MAI's revenues will still come from dull old financial services, rather than media, after the bid. Media will account for about 40 per cent, but the whole edifice is still founded on the proven resilience of money broking.

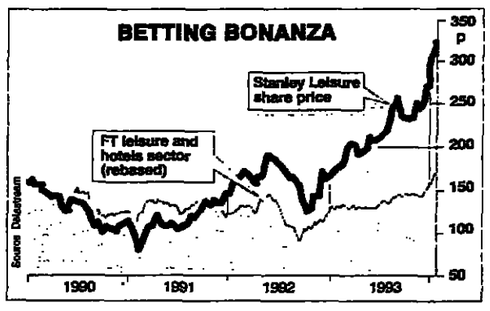
This also means that MAI is still rated as a financial company, on a current year earnings multiple of 18, even after yesterday's 11 per cent jump in the share price. Either this offers investors a cheap route into the glamorous world of television, or it shows that MAI's shareholders are rather less star-struck than its management.

Stanley Leisure

FEW businesses can beat the cash generative strength of a betting shop, and, ordinarily, any demand for funds from a gaming group should be treated with suspicion. Stanley Leisure is building up a war chest for expansion, a well-worn excuse, but over the last four years, the company has given ample proof that it can buy outlets cheaply and keep costs under control.

Stanley's expansion has been meteoric, almost doubling the size of its betting shop chain and its casinos over five years, at a cost of £44 million. Growth by acquisition has paid off, with profits heading for £11 million in the year to next May, from £5 million in 1989. The punters are spending more; the stake per slip is up 7 per cent and the drop in the casinos is rising at the same rate. Cheap acquisitions have boosted Stanley's share price to more than 20 times forecast earnings, a rating that appears happy to ignore the prospect of competition from the national lottery. Such ratings ought to lure more buyers into the betting shop market, but, curiously, Stanley, whose share of the market is only 5 per cent, is still able to pick cherries.

Ladbroke is preoccupied with its many difficulties and William Hill's hands are tied by Brent Walker and its bankers. A demerged William Hill or a spin-off of Coral from Bass would overheat the market, but for the time being there is little to stop Stanley's advance.



Lookers

THE recovery in the motor trade preceded the general economic upturn by six months, thanks to the removal of car tax by Norman Lamont in 1992, and now the benefits are beginning to show through. Lookers, one of the stock market's smaller motor dealers, surprised the City yesterday by trebling its profits to £5 million. Admittedly, profits are rising from a low base but recoveries of this speed are rare.

Lookers' success underlines the operational gearing that many service businesses have. The company cut costs sharply in the recession and has been able to hold them in the low inflationary environment. As a result, the additional revenue from a 20 per cent rise in new car sales fell straight through to the bottom line.

Few other dealers will be able to match Lookers' recovery, but most should still report earnings growth of up to 40 per cent for 1993, with rising car sales and the increase construction of multi-franchise sites promising further advances in future years. It seems odd then that most motor dealers are trading on little more than a market rating. There are few other businesses after all which have yet proved so demonstrably that they can produce the earnings growth to justify a high multiple.

HunterPrint

THE sight of another loss from HunterPrint, which has not reported a profit since 1989, might be enough to strike despair into the hearts of its long-suffering shareholders.

But there are signs that even HunterPrint's years in the wilderness may finally be coming to an end. Underlying losses before exceptionals fell £3.6 million to £1.6 million during the year, and the company is halfway through a programme to cut £3 million out of its cost base. In addition, most of the capacity at its main Corby press is accounted for by large contracts.

As a result, that even without any growth in sales or increase in margins, the group should still be able to reach breakeven in the current year, and stay within its £19.5 million borrowng facility.

Further ahead, the company should turn into profit as its sells the remaining capacity at Corby and margins recover. But shareholders are not going to see the rewards for their patience in a hurry. There remains a £2.4 million deficit on the profit and loss account, which may delay a dividend payment until 1996.

BTR

A CYNIC might dismiss BTR's recent asset-shuffling as a useful way of disguising the underlying quality of earnings, and BTR has attracted more than its share of cynics. The sale of 59 per cent of Hawker Siddeley Canada fits with the group's intention of concentrating on its main industrial manufacturing businesses and withdrawing from service businesses. The sale will raise up to £70 million in cash, and a book profit of perhaps £25 million. But BTR needs to prove beyond any doubt in its next set of figures that it is generating real organic growth from trading, otherwise the cynics will not stay silent.

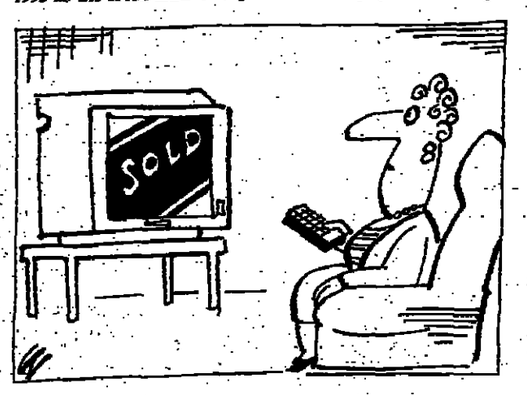
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PRO NED goes private

ELECTRICITY, water, gas, telecoms ... Now the forum for promoting independent non-executive directors is going private. PRO NED, set up in 1982 at the behest of the Bank of England, is to be sold to a partnership of its managers and Egon Zehnder International, an executive search group which has its roots in Switzerland and claims to be Europe's biggest headhunter. The decision to sell PRO NED will hopefully resolve its ongoing identity crisis — was it a forum for promoting independent non-executives or a glorified headhunter? Both, is the answer, and the latter role has triumphed. "It started off as an agency to promote the concept of non-executive directors," says a Bank of England spokesman. "Twelve years on, that side of things has largely succeeded. The ground has shifted." Sir Adrian Cadbury, whose views on the importance of a good non-executive team are well known, will continue as chairman for now, while Colin St Johnston remains managing director. Egon Zehnder will not say how much it is paying for PRO NED, but hints that a shake-up is overdue. "The image could do with a little brushing up," says John Grumbar, UK managing partner. Expect more names with a European flavour to pop up in UK boardrooms in the coming months.

Stealing a march

JÜRGEN Gehrels, chief executive of Siemens, is always keen to persuade British observers that his Munich-based group is no great monolith that stifles all internal competition and creativity. On the contrary, firm evidence of his case emerges in the manner in which the UK arm celebrated 1993 as the 150th anniversary of the young Carl Wilhelm (subsequently Sir William) Siemens' first business deals in Britain. The jubilee occasion was, I learn, intended to allow the UK operations to steal a march on the parent company, which still has a couple of years to go to its 150th birthday.



Head hunter

THE message from the CBI and Institute of Directors about seeking additional skill qualifications for staff appears to be getting through to leading educationalists. The governors of Malvern Girls' College, a boarding school with about 500 pupils, is seeking a new head. The post calls for "experience of senior management" to lead and develop the 84 academic and boarding staff, according to NB Selection, the headhunter handling the task. Hopefully for outsiders, candidates with "less conventional backgrounds" than education will be seriously considered. It has emerged, meanwhile, that Thames Water is seeking a financial controller for a $760 million water treatment plant it is developing jointly with Izmit Su in Turkey. The advertisement calls for a candidate "used to working under pressure" — appropriate for a water company.

Sauce for thought

IT WAS supposed to be a fight to the death over spaghetti sauce brands, one sponsored by Frank Sinatra and the other by Paul Newman. And the blood wonder seems to have the upper hand, if the latest sales figures are anything to go by. Newman's Own sauce is holding steady, and his new salsa sauce, normally accompanied by Mexican food, is actually up 26 per cent. But for Sinatra, riding high with his latest album, the spaghetti sauce business has gone splat. Sales are 88 per cent down this year. The sharp descent is rivalled only by that of Lee Iacocca, former chairman of the Chrysler car company. He became a spokesman for olive oil and while sales of his cars are hitting records, oil sales are down almost 72 per cent.

Rocket tips

THIS takes the cake. A former rocket scientist is attempting to predict instability and change in the world's money markets — using the principles of rocket engine turbulence. Henry Green uses a "neural net computer system" to make predictions which he sells to clients in the financial world. Whether they pay off will be revealed in an edition of *Tomorrow's World* on BBC1 on Friday, during which presenter Howard Stableford invests an imaginary million pounds on the strength of the computer's tips.

ADVERTISEMENT in the Yorkshire Evening Post: "*Heavy Rock guitarist required. Must be 17 stone plus. Apply: Above Average Weight Band.*" *Readers may recall the similarly-named Average White Band which was popular during the 1970s.*

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Maintaining level of nuclear power

From Dr R. Hawley

Sir, The two pieces by Philip Bassett in your January 14 issue ("Bleak future for coal in UK" and "Cleaner electricity means price rises says generator") offer an interesting insight into the position towards which current trends in electricity supply economics and environment considerations are driving the balance of generating fuels in this country.

I hope the gloomy analysis predicting that few if any UK coal mines will be open at the end of this decade is wrong. We in Nuclear Electric have always made it clear that we regard coal and nuclear power as having complementary roles in the secure and diverse energy portfolio which is a central requirement of Government energy policy. But at present favourable gas prices mean that even at existing stations coal burned with emission controls cannot complete sucessfully with new CCGTs. That highlights the danger that short-term economic factors may lead to significant over-dependence on gas. A failure by the market to deliver the Government's policy objectives could prove very expensive if, as seems highly likely, the price of gas imports rise sharply early in the next century.

All of this makes a strong case for retaining nuclear power at its present level, both to ensure that the country can continue to hold carbon dioxide and acid rain gas emissions down once it has reached its target levels and to provide price stability in the fuel mix (once a nuclear station is on power its running costs are very low and insensitive to inflationary pressures — and provides clean energy without expensive add-ons).

Yours faithfully,
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Breaking the grip of the old boys' network

From Mr Colin St Johnston

Sir, Your story "Old boys network is put out to grass" (January 13) is right in welcoming the demise of the backscratching approach to the appointment of non-executive directors. Much of this change stems from initiatives taken by PRO NED over the past 11 years.

Contrary to what is said in your article, we have constantly and publicly opposed the use of the old boy network. PRO NED has campaigned vigorously for companies to adopt an objective selection process to ensure that they appoint effective, independent non-executive directors.

As a result, companies are becoming far more conscientious in defining the skills and experience required for a particular appointment, and in ensuring that the most qualified available candidates are identified.

Through its role as a forum for the exchange of ideas on best practice, PRO NED has consistently argued that board effectiveness will be increased by widening the range of experience around the board table. We are uniquely well placed to help companies achieve this.

Yours faithfully,
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Post office hours

From Mr E. W. Dudley

Sir, In response to Professor J. M. Goldman (January 11), who brings to attention the closing of main post offices at 1pm on Saturdays, I can assure him that the constraints to which he refers do not come about as a result of any action by the Union of Communication Workers.

Indeed, the union has actively supported trials of extended trading hours for main post offices, and will support any practical initiative aimed at securing the future of the main post office network.

It is regretted, however, that despite the union's efforts to maintain main post offices and encourage a wider range of business transacted in those offices, the Post Office is intent on placing Post Office Counter Services into the hands of the private sector.

The Union of Communication Workers will continue its defence of main post offices in the belief that its members provide the best possible service in the best environment for the customer.

It is our hope that Professor Goldman, in the company of your other readers in their quest for improved services, will lend their voices to the union's campaign to preserve this much needed facility.

Yours sincerely,
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Shares squeezed higher

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 17. Dealings end January 28. §Contango day January 31. Settlement day February 7. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Ntl	510	-1	11.8	2.9	19.9
314	179	Allied Irish	309	...	...	3.4	15.8
236½	130	Aus New Z	236½	+4½	...	3.8	∞
3806¼	2712½	BankAmerica	3237½	-43¾	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	317	+2	...	3.9	23.4
375	325	Bk Leumi UK	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
240½	116½	Bank Scotland	220	-1	4.6	2.7	28.9
652	362	Barclays	617	+10	...	2.5	...
39¼	15¼	Carlisle	34¼	-1¼	...	...	...
654	395	Cater Allen	604	+4	28.0	5.5	...
177	85	Cattles	175	...	...	3.2	23.3
2487½	1543¾	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2819¼	1343¼	Citicorp	2790	-68¾	...	...	...
563	250	Close Bros	563	+3	...	2.4	20.5
£155	92¾	Commerzbk	£142½	-53¾	...	2.8	...
£149¾	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£310¾	-340¾	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	79†	+4	1.5	2.4	∞
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1176	-5	...	0.5	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	505	+7	21.5	5.3	13.4
987	490	HSBC	947	+44	20.0	2.6	22.7
1007	474	HSBC HK	965	+44	20.0	2.6	23.1
453	243	Hambros	443	+14	14.3	4.0	20.5
433	313	Joseph (L)	430	+2	16.7	4.9	...
155	96	King Shaxson	140	+2	9.0	8.0	...
665	312	Kleinwort Ben	654	+16	16.7	3.2	22.7
690	492	Lloyds	635	-10	19.1	3.8	15.2
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	106	-1	2.9	3.4	21.0
576½	322	Nat Aust Bk	576½	+9½	...	3.9	∞
634	398	Nat West	608	+5	17.8	3.7	36.9
539	270	Provident	529	-11	12.4	2.9	22.9
66	39	Rea Bros	66	+1	0.5	1.0	70.2
470	207	Ryl Bk Scot	457†	+5	...	3.0	30.7
1373	467½	Schroders	1370	+5	...	1.1	27.3
1263	576	Stand Chart	1203	+38	30.5	2.1	...
276	145½	TSB	276	+7	...	3.5	21.4
190	78	Union Disc	167	...	...	...	...
974	520	Warburg SG	964	-10	...	2.6	14.1
9112½	4843½	Wells Fargo	9112½	+125	...	2.2	...
223	121	Westpac	223†	...	...	2.4	∞
325	188	Wintrust	317	+5	9.3	3.7	28.3

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	650†	-4	...	4.1	18.0
647	441	Bass	591†	-4	...	4.2	16.0
299	189	Boddington	269	-4	7.5	3.5	15.7
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	407†	-3	...	3.2	16.3
184	129	Burtonwd Brw	183†	+2	4.7	3.3	15.3
176	75	Eldridge P 'A'	176†	+3	3.5	2.5	∞
70¼	50	Fosters Brewing	63	-¼	...	4.3	∞
445	338	Fuller Sm 'A'	445†	+3	7.5	2.1	19.1
499	373	Grand Met	485†	-2	...	3.4	18.9
486	347	Greenalls Grp	480†	+11	...	3.2	16.5
575	505	Greene King	550†	+2	...	2.8	15.4
521	388	Guinness	470	+7	...	3.2	17.6
756	31	Halkin Hldgs	71	...	...	...	55.4
281	230	Hardy Hanson	253†	-4	8.5	4.2	∞
138	105	Heavitree	135	...	3.0	2.8	32.2
404	255	Highland Distl	405	+6	...	2.0	20.0
3150	2538	Holt J	3158	...	42.0	1.7	20.4
323	290	Invergordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	134	+4	4.3	4.1	30.1
485	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	440	...	...	2.5	21.0
246	164	Mansfield	236	...	...	2.1	16.9
299	231	Merston Thmp	280†	-3	...	2.5	15.6
588	288½	Matthew Clark	588	...	...	3.9	19.4
300	210	Mrrydwn W	235†	+2	7.0	3.7	21.0
580	455	Morland	535†	+2	...	2.3	18.4
12	6¼	Panamount	10¼	...	...	1.8	16.5
228	145	Regent Inns	228	+1	...	2.5	25.2
1521¼	753¼	SA Breweries	1312¼	-43¾	...	2.1	21.7
584	393	Scot & New	579†	+7	...	3.7	17.7
225	155¼	Taunton Cider	185†	+12	6.2	4.2	14.4
286	213	Vaux Group	286†	-3	...	4.2	18.4
381	225	Wetherspoon JD	356	-1	...	1.9	27.6
592	435	Whitbread 'A'	574	+9	...	3.9	13.8
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	565†	-10	12.6	2.8	∞
520	475	Young 'A'	520	...	14.5	3.5	21.5

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
190	73	Abbey	190†	+5	...	1.3	31.2
25¼	12	Albrighton	18†	...	...	0.7	...
160	87	Allen	160†	...	...	3.9	36.3
132	66	Amec	129	+2	3.0	2.9	23.9
12	4	Anglia Sec	11½	+2	...	...	...
374	190	Ashtead	374	+3	...	1.5	39.6
143	101	Attwoods	139½†	+2	...	4.5	...
360	180	BPB Ind	348†	+12	...	2.7	41.6
117	57	Baggeridge Brk	117†	+5	3.1	3.3	∞
37	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	37	+3	0.6	2.0	...
108	74	Barcom	76†	...	3.0	4.9	∞
50½	32½	Barton	53½	+½	2.0	4.7	26.4
268	94	Barratt Devs	267	+15	...	1.9	28.7
520	305	Bellway	520	+15	12.0	2.9	∞
54	15	Bellwinch	54	...	...	...	...
542	295½	Berkeley Gp	540†	+13	...	1.4	29.1
118	45	Bett Bros	118	...	...	2.1	19.2
68	36	Blockleys	60	-2	1.0	2.1	66.3
375	189	Blue Circle	373	+6	...	3.8	...
330	230	Boot (Henry)	330	+4b	6.0	2.3	18.5
106	78	Breedon PLC	104	...	4.6	5.5	25.6
134	82	Br Dredging	134	...	5.2	4.9	29.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	80	...	1.7	2.7	...
186	99	Bryant	186	+4	...	3.2	37.5
143	53	CALA	141	...	...	2.0	...
382	200	CRH	382	+2	...	2.2	31.0
43	18	Cakebread Rby	35	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	37¼	-1	...	...	...
173	86½	Countryside	172	+4	...	3.0	∞
108	38	Crest Nicholson	108	+3	0.0	...	...
117	27	Cussins	117	+2	...	1.1	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	0.3	1.5	...
285	178	Epwin	276	...	7.0	3.2	23.4
64	32	Erith	64	...	0.3	0.7	...
506	252	Eve Group	468	...	...	2.8	17.6
244	97	Freeman Gp	232	-2	3.0	2.7	36.9
50	38	Galliford	48	...	...	2.6	...
87	52	Gibbs & Dandy	87	...	...	2.9	...
940	695	Gleeson (MJ)	940	+7	...	1.7	16.3
158	75	Hewden-Stuart	158	+1	...	2.2	33.8
51	28	Hewetson	50	+2	...	3.2	36.5
430	173	Heywd Wim	418	-6	13.0	4.0	...
142	37	Higgs & Hill	138	+1	2.5	2.3	...
38	36	How Gp	30	...	...	4.7	...
28	15	Howard Hldgs	26	+1	0.5	2.4	...
92	39	Ibstock Johnsen	91½	+1½	1.0	1.4	...
25	12½	Jarvis	18	...	...	...	...
351	196	Laing (J)	351	+18	9.0	3.2	14.0
137½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	137½	+7	...	5.8	...
137	55	Ln Clydeside	137	+2	4.5	4.1	51.6
23	10	Lovell (YJ)	14	+1½	...	...	6.4
405	240	Manders	405	+7	9.3	2.9	24.8
209	93	Marley	209	+4	4.2	2.5	61.3
142	61	Marshalls	142†	+2	...	3.5	...
228	122	Maunders (J)	226	+3	...	2.8	21.8
288	96	McAlpine (A)	288	+25	6.5	2.8	49.9
69	23	McCarthy & S	69	+5	0.5	0.9	...
549	272	Meyer Intl	542†	+8	...	2.3	54.3
174	62	Mowlem (J)	174	+19	4.0	2.9	...
191	51	NSM	188	+14	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
189	106	Newman Tnks	188	...	...	4.5	25.1
352	197	Persimmon	352	+7	8.6	3.1	35.9
26	9	Phoenix Timber	16	+1	...	...	...
1790	1237½	Pochins	1790	...	29.0	2.1	25.0
198	80	Prowting	195	+9	3.4	2.2	...
1048	555	RMC Gp	1048	+11	...	2.4	39.3
117	75½	Raine Ind	96	+1	...	3.9	22.7
36	13	Ramus	25†	+2	...	...	...
611	402	Redland	595	+7	25.0	5.3	34.6
86	45	Roskel	73	...	4.3	7.4	10.6
342	207	Rugby Group	338	+12	6.4	2.4	25.9
68	23	Svrdd-Rvee	59	+1	...	0.5	...
165	68	Sharpe & Fisher	165	...	...	3.0	28.7
276	86½	Sheffield Insl	254	...	...	2.7	62.1
258	82	Sheriff Hldgs	258†	...	...	1.8	24.6
106	66	Showco	106	...	5.2	6.1	24.1
240	196	Smart (J)	233	+5	...	4.6	17.6
5	1½	Starmin	3¼	...	...	...	...
202	100	Tarmac	199	+3	5.5	3.5	...
229	131	Tay Homes	229	+12	...	3.2	28.3
172	63	Taylor Woodrw	172	-11	1.0	0.7	...
693	433	Tilbury Dougls	693	+40	33.0	6.0	22.6
48	19	Torex Hire	48†	+4	0.4	1.0	...
344	168	Travis Perkins	344	+9	8.0	2.9	60.6
21	5½	Trencherwood	16½	...	...	...	...
40	25	Try Group	33	+1	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	21	Tudor	21	...	0.2	1.5	...
108	41	Vibroplant	108	+4	2.5	2.9	38.8
65	20	Ward Hldgs	58	+3	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	458	+3	...	3.3	19.7
23	6¼	Wescol	23	...	...	...	...
207	90	Westbury	207	+3	5.0	3.0	32.3
4½	3	Wiggins	4½	...	...	...	...
524	362	Wilson Bowden	524	+4	...	2.1	36.9
242	147	Wilson (C)	242	+2	3.9	2.0	41.9
226	104	Wimpey G	219	+11	...	3.0	...
47	15	YRM	26	-2	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	635	+17	...	...	...
388	198	Adam & Harvey	388	+25	13.0	4.2	7.1
92	56	Air London	68	...	3.5	6.4	12.1
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	93	Auto Sec	140	+1	...	5.4	25.1
159¼	84	BET Ord	159¼	+4½	...	1.8	6.4
135	41	BNB Res	135	...	4.9	4.5	...
318	183	BPP	253	...	8.3	4.1	14.0
178	154	BSM	162	+1	...	4.5	14.2
285	195	Barbour Index	233	-2	8.0	4.3	15.9
28	15	Boustead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	207	+1	4.7	2.9	15.1
26	11	Broadcastle	22	...	...	1.4	17.5
73	48	Brooks Service	60	...	...	1.0	...
109	86	CRT Gp	107	...	...	3.4	18.8
240	139¼	Capita Group	217	...	...	1.3	33.9
57	31	Caskey Plc	54†	-1½	...	2.1	20.8
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	25½	+½	...	...	...
70	26	Christie	66	...	...	...	...
398¼	228	Chubb Sec	395†	...	...	1.7	24.5
131	90	Comacal	131	+3	...	1.4	34.2
44	6½	Corp Services	42	...	...	...	...
91	20	Coutts Cnslg	84	...	...	...	...
170	50	Dart	166	...	3.3	1.5	25.5
260	198	Davis Service	260	+6	...	3.8	19.6
124	85	FW Pack	122	...	4.4	4.6	14.0
32	11	Gardiner	28½	+½	0.4	1.8	19.7
305	215	Hays	303	+9	...	2.2	26.4
281	174	Hogg Robinsn	281	-15	...	3.0	20.5
70	34	Holmes Protectn	36	...	...	...	2.2
344	127	Hutch Whamp	307½	+11½	...	1.6	25.5
2503¼	975	ISS B DKr	2495¼	-6¼	...	0.8	17.2
637	475	Inchcape	548	+10	...	3.2	17.9
943	669	Johnson Cleanr	943	-16	25.7	3.4	20.6
12	2½	Lep	5¼	...	...	...	...
310	173	Mtie Gp	310	+5	3.5	1.4	24.1
1212½	893¼	Manpower	1178½	+3½	...	...	...
70	40½	Michael Page	70	+1½	1.8	3.2	29.7
279	115	Pennas	115	...	8.0	8.7	4.3
4¼	2	Prime People	4¼	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	65	+1	...	28.8	3.6
423	337	RCO	355	...	14.1	5.0	12.2
118	86	REA	109	...	2.0	2.4	...
125	43	Reed Executive	124	...	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Sec	123†	...	4.5	4.6	26.7
256	178	Rentokil	258	+7	2.5	1.2	32.2
350	220	Rolfe & Nolan	350†	+5	...	2.7	24.0
400	319	Salvesen (C)	378†	+7	...	2.6	25.1
51	26	Scott Pickford	50	...	0.8	2.0	15.9
10½	5	Select Appt	10½	+1	...	...	...
1318	695	Serco Gp	1318	+5	13.3	1.3	36.5
352	83	Sherwd Cmptr	114	...	...	7.7	3.3
130	90	Sketchley	103	+1	...	3.8	23.6
353	310	Warner Howrd	327	...	6.6	2.5	17.1
45	27	Welpac	27	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wilts Gp	28	+½	...	1.8	19.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	239†	+6½	...	2.3	22.0
1041	613	Amersham	1001	...	...	1.7	28.8
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3¼	...	...	...	...
£119¼	8325	BASF DM	£110¼	-28¼	...	5.7	...
351	199	BTP	351†	+2	...	3.4	28.2
£143¼	£101¼	Bayer DM50	£134¼	+118¼	...	3.9	...
178	105	Blagden	158	-2	6.5	5.1	17.0
165	93	Brent Chems	136	+5	...	7.5	11.3
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	348	...	...	...	...
29	5	Cairil Gp	9¼	...	...	...	16.0
180	126	Canning (W)	180	+3	7.2	5.1	20.6
608	421	Courtaulds	497†	-6	...	3.6	12.4
362	228	Croda	362	+5	...	2.7	20.8
149	103	Doefler	120	+2	4.6	4.8	9.2
264	175	Ellis & Everard	264†	+10	...	3.3	25.2
42¼	15½	Euro Colour	35½	...	0.8	3.1	17.0
351	259	Halstead (J)	342	-3	...	2.4	16.9
241	150	Hickson	176	+2	...	5.7	16.3
£123¼	8850	Hoechst	£114¼	+12¼	...	3.2	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	191	+1	...	2.4	17.6
806	608	ICI	760¼	-1½	...	4.5	...
792	576	Laporte	792	+5	19.9	3.1	21.9
241	181	Leigh	241†	+11	...	4.1	21.2
97¼	35	MTM	55	+1	...	...	...
2225	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2225	+59¼	...	1.2	32.0
470	370	Paterson Zoch	468	...	...	3.4	15.8
425	360	-do- 'A'	423	...	...	3.7	14.3
246	193	Plysu	228†	+1	...	3.8	19.4

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	173	Porvair	274	...	3.8	1.7	29.3
70	35	Suncliffe Speak	54	-1	...	...	...
495	412	Wardle Storeys	457	...	...	4.7	21.1
580	395	Wolstenholme R	580	...	17.0	3.7	19.6
435	300	Yorks Chem	435	...	...	2.2	23.5
300	233	Yule Catto	295	+2	...	2.5	18.4
869	593	Zeneca	827	-12	...	4.2	48.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	62	...	...	6.0	...
248	173	Allders	235	-13	...	3.2	17.5
410	257	Argos Plc	378	...	...	2.4	32.3
25	8	Ashley Group	9	+½	...	2.6	...
118	60	Ashley (Laura)	87	-3	0.1	0.1	...
343	278	Asprey	343†	+18	5.2	1.9	22.1
195	94	Austin Reed	187	+1	...	1.7	...
156	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	150	+3	...	4.9	15.7
140	94	Bentalls	136	+1	1.9	1.7	...
278	125	Betterware	145	+3	...	1.9	17.4
47	22	Blacks Leis	38†	+1	2.2	7.4	...
251½	133	Body Shop	247	+2	...	0.9	31.8
19½	9	Brown & Jackson	10	...	...	1.0	5.1
447	318	Brown (N)	447	-3	...	2.0	26.3
87¼	60¼	Burton	73¼†	-1	...	3.6	...
220	128	Camms	220	+15	...	2.3	30.6
490	295	Church	490	+45	12.5	3.2	43.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	185	...	4.3	3.3	19.8
284	212	Coats Viyella	284	+6	...	3.3	39.3
130	78	Colourvision	98	...	5.6	7.3	17.1
181	154	C'ty Casuals	168	...	...	3.1	15.6
935	374	Courts Furnish	892	...	5.6	0.8	11.2
156	115	Crown Eye	155	...	7.5	6.0	10.6
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	118½	-½	...	3.1	17.4
105	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	103	+1	0.8	1.0	33.1
233	189	Dixons Grp	212†	-16	...	3.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
580	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
251	71	Essex Furn	251	+26	...	1.7	40.2
273	203	Etam	257	+2	7.0	3.4	23.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	539†	+3	13.0	3.0	17.5
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
695	498	Forminster	695†	...	14.5	2.6	12.6
180	24	French Conn	152	-11	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	67	...	...	3.9	20.8
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	88	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	595	-3	...	2.4	18.3
40	21	Hampden Grp	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Harlstone	67	-1	...	...	...
33¼	20	Helene Plc	31	...	2.0	8.1	14.6
108	39	Heritage	108	...	...	...	...
86	35	Honeysuckle	77	...	...	3.7	11.3
211	63	Jacques Vert	202	...	...	2.2	15.4
783	496	Kingfisher	706¼	-16½	...	2.5	24.3
76	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	74	...	4.0	6.8	15.3
695	495	Liberty	578	...	7.2	1.7	63.3
380	241	Lloyds Chem	366	+5	...	2.5	12.9
176	120	MFI	172	+1	...	2.7	36.1
461½	311	Marks Spencer	459†	+3½	...	2.3	23.5
600	445	Menzies (John)	600	+5	...	2.2	17.0
274	135	Moss Bros	268	...	5.5	2.6	31.5
240	139½	Next	231	...	3.5	1.9	27.6
41	15	Oliver (G)	40	...	...	...	...
325	197	Oriflame Intl	310†	...	...	4.0	15.2
43	24	Pentos	36½	+½	0.8	2.7	7.6
313	185	QS Hldgs	253	+5	5.1	2.6	18.0
69¼	20½	Rhino Grp	47	+1	...	...	...
191	120	Rosebys	191	+1	...	3.2	22.9
181	135	Sherwood Gp	170	...	...	1.9	15.3
131½	93	Sears	129½	+1½	...	3.3	...
41½	11	Signet Group	33½	+½	...	...	...
532	400	Smith WH 'A'	520	+11½	...	3.4	17.3
124	83	-do- B	124	+1½	...	2.9	20.3
20	4½	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	236†	+3	...	2.6	23.3
191	146	T & S Stores	155	+1	6.0	4.8	11.5
162	71	Tie Rack	162	+1	1.0	0.8	26.5
282	160	Time Products	262	+5	7.7	3.7	22.6
131	63	Usher (Frank)	130	+6	6.0	5.8	11.2
453	302	Vendome	444	-1	...	1.7	20.7
45	27	Vivat	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
87	42	WEW Group	64	...	...	2.6	47.2
49	34	Wensum	49	...	1.8	4.8	...
120	76	Wickes	114	+1	...	0.2	51.8
78	45	Wkd of Leather	77	+8	...	...	...
193	142	Wyevale	193	+3	...	2.8	25.5
4	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	170	-12	...	3.7	17.1
275	223	Acal	263†	...	...	3.1	18.9
490	385	Admiral	488	...	5.7	1.5	20.6
175	104	Alba	175	...	...	3.5	19.8
50	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	45½	+½	...	1.4	...
128	61	App Holo	105	+5	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	32	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	86	-½	...	0.4	...
266	230	Azlan	258	+1	...	1.5	30.7
293	224	Beales Hunter	263	+5	...	4.5	16.3
6	2	Bennett & Fount	4½	...	...	...	...
451	319	BICC	437	-2	19.2	5.5	...
558	408	Blick	495	...	...	2.6	18.0
1700	925	Borland	1100	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	370	+2	...	2.3	24.5
489½	376	BT	466†	-½	...	4.3	18.0
232½	150	BT P/P	307½†	...	...	4.3	22.1
19½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	+1½	0.1	0.6	...
160	48	Burnfield	70	+5	5.7	10.3	11.1
545	334½	Cable Wireless	519†	+12	...	1.8	27.1
27½	11½	Chloride	27½	+½	...	...	...
256	229	CML Micro	276	...	4.7	2.1	20.1
125	74	Comptr People	125	...	...	...	...
177	108½	Cray Elect	177†	+3½	...	1.2	18.2
437	243	Critchley	436†	...	...	1.4	25.1
554	414	Delta	517	+1	...	3.4	21.6
528	205	Denmans El	528	+55	6.4	1.5	∞
630	395	Domino	435	+2	7.4	2.1	14.9
77	48	Dowding Mills	76	...	...	4.1	32.6
1480	865	Druck	1480†	...	10.3	0.9	31.6
555	358	Electrocomponts	555	+4	...	1.9	22.6
710	470	El Data Prc	580	...	5.5	1.2	∞
163	43	Electron House	163	+5	2.6	2.0	35.7
30½	10½	Emess	28½	+2½	0.1	0.4	...
745	442	Eurotherm	745†	+2	9.5	1.6	∞
202	108	FKI	193†	+5½	...	2.1	28.3
626	340	Farnell Elect	626	+13½	...	1.3	33.1
91	33	Feedback	73†	...	...	3.4	9.9
324	101	First Tech	323	+3	...	0.8	26.8
270	81	Forward Gp	239	...	4.0	2.1	16.9
22½	13½	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	334†	+3	10.4	3.9	16.7
199	132	Graseby	169	+1	...	8.1	35.5
14	7¼	Graystone	11½	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hitecare	43	...	0.5	1.5	...
169	83	INSTEM	135	...	3.1	2.9	9.7
169	118	Ind Control	150	+1	...	3.7	15.1
388	320	Jones Stroud	383	-1	...	3.0	15.3
134	36	Kalamazoo	114†	+5	2.7	3.0	26.5
19	8	Kembrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
386	260	Kenwood App	382†	-1	...	1.6	21.4
265	47	Kewill Sys	265	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	145	+6	6.0	5.2	17.2
60	16	Laser-Scan	31	...	...	...	...
365	122	LEMS	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
300	205	Lec Refrig	255	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	129	Life Sciences	157	-1	3.7	3.0	17.0
307	164	Logica	307	...	...	1.6	35.4
55	44	LPA Inds	52	...	3.5	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	192	...	...	3.4	18.0
718	523	Macro 4	715	...	...	3.1	21.7
247	175½	Memvier-Sw	247	...	...	1.9	21.9
3013	903	Micro Focus	1123	-15	...	...	10.3
227	144	Microgen	164†	+16	7.2	5.5	∞
39¼	23¼	Microvitec	35	+½	...	...	...
530	357	Misys	530	+6	...	1.7	19.4
584	98	Mitel	478	-2	...	...	...
158	108	MMT Compt	158	+2	...	3.2	21.5
52	16	Molyns	36	...	1.3	4.5	...
272	202	MTL Instr	265	+5	3.7	1.7	20.0
165	103	Multitone Elect	141†	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
289	116	Murray Enter	266†	...	...	1.9	∞
3209¼	2612¼	NYNEX	2631¼†	-50	...	...	...
188	124	Neotronics	125	...	2.6	2.6	∞
65	42	Newmark (L)	53	...	...	...	...
296	58	Norbain	289	+5	...	0.6	22.3
75	20	Northamber	57	...	0.6	1.3	...
15¼	5	Oceonics	7¼	+¼	...	...	...
337	195	Oxford Inst	336	...	4.6	1.7	23.0
83	48	P-E Interntl	82	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	73	-1	1.5	2.6	38.8
95½	55	Peek	91½	+½	3.4	4.6	23.9
227	115	Pegasus	222	+3	...	3.6	57.0
£102¼	9000	Philips Fn 4%	£102¼	...	...	5.6	...
1531¼	725	-do- Lmp nv	1531¼	+37¼	...	...	...
403	211	Phonelink	388	+10	...	...	...
326	171½	Plico	326	+1	...	1.6	27.3
316	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	316	+1	...	1.6	26.5
96	63	Plasmec	71	...	3.0	5.3	6.0
120	76	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
228	81	Psion	228	+2	3.5	1.4	60.5
261	147	Racal Elect	208†	+4	4.2	2.5	12.4
70	33	Radamec	48	...	...	3.9	10.3
70	24	Radius	35	...	2.2	8.0	12.1
95	61	Real Time	95	+2	...	3.9	19.5
35	15	Riva	18	...	...	...	22.8
629	367	Sage Gp	512†	+2	...	2.4	15.7
348	222	Sanderson Elec	348†	+9	9.9	3.6	14.8
89	49	Scantronic	87†	-½	3.1	4.6	23.8
205	117	Scholes Grp	196	+5	...	3.2	25.4
375	220	Sema Gp	320	...	2.9	1.1	26.0
44	26	Silvermines	44	+1	...	2.8	...
81	37	Soundtracks	77	-3	2.4	4.0	∞
2675	1737½	TDK	2318¼	-12½	...	1.4	26.4
27	4½	TDS Circuits	17½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	158	...	0.8	0.6	26.0
1095	809	THORN EMI	1088†	+14	...	3.7	25.2
152	96	Thorpe FW	133	...	...	2.3	15.7
100	23	Total Systems	36	...	1.5	5.2	6.4
575	372	Tunstall	568†	...	7.0	1.5	∞
295	164	Unitech	286	...	...	2.7	67.8
13	6	Verity	12½	+½	...	...	...
38	22	Vistec	23½	...	0.3	2.0	13.9
624½	367	Vodafone	598†	+2	...	1.6	26.0
473	368	Volex	454†	...	18.1	5.0	18.6
26	11	Western Selectn	20†	...	0.2	1.6	...
303	223	Wholesale Ftgs	303	...	11.7	4.8	32.2

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
676	389	East Midlands	647†	+16	...	4.0	11.5
704	399	Eastern Elect	664½†	+20½	...	3.8	12.7
489½	304	Hydro-Elect	437	-2	...	3.4	15.2
677	404	London Elect	659†	+28	...	4.0	12.4
772	458	Manweb	747†	+17	...	3.7	9.3
731	434½	Midlands Elec	697	+12	...	3.9	10.9
510	273	National Powr	468†	+1	...	3.0	11.6
741	440	Northern Elec	709†	+20	...	4.0	9.3
283	180	Nthn Ireland	266	-1½	...	3.3	12.8
768	439	Norweb	721†	+16	20.8	3.6	10.3
572	273	PowerGen	547	-5	...	2.6	14.3
487	285	Scottish Power	443	-2	...	3.3	16.1
754	436	Seeboard	738†	+23	...	3.5	11.5
770	469	Sth Wales	734†	+17	...	3.9	11.3
706	426	Sth Western	688†	+19	...	3.9	9.8
724	406	Southern Elec	690†	+23	...	3.8	9.1
692	455	Yorkshire Elec	676†	+20	...	3.9	12.7

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	30	Aitken Hume	53½	+½	1.0	2.3	11.3
143	47	BWD	143	...	3.4	3.0	22.3
116	26	Baltic Plc	116	...	...	1.1	...
685	413	Caledonia	685†	+32	...	2.8	25.5
2000	1075	Camellia	1900	...	...	2.0	7.2

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
356	243	Candover	354	+2	10.4	3.7	...
385	71	Flemtech	379#	...	0.5	0.2	...
409	155	Govett	409	+5	...	4.0	12.0
219	125	Ivory Sime	219†	-6	...	4.0	18.9
425	150	Johnson Fry	335	-10	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting	235	...	8.7	4.6	17.1
82	47	Manakin	82	+1	...	...	...
15	3½	Nat Home Loan	14½	+2	...	...	0.3
53	40	Newmarket	53	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Brs	317	...	6.5	2.6	19.3
26	17	Rutland Tst	23½	+½	...	4.3	14.0
340	253	S & U	313	...	10.2	4.1	11.6
96	48	Singer & Fried	95	+1	...	3.9	...
1138	713	Sotheby's	1113	+13	...	3.1	...
149	113	SIP Capital	148	-1	3.0	2.5	61.0
206	183	Towry Law	201	...	...	2.8	19.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2536¼	1487¼	Amer Express	2093¼	-62¼	...	...	...
1133	635	Henderson Ad	1080	+32	...	4.9	24.9
218	92	Invesco	217	+9	...	1.7	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	281	-5½	...	2.8	11.7
315	154	MAI	315	+31	...	2.7	19.9
736	380	MAM	735	+3	18.0	2.7	12.4
1100	633	M & G	1100†	+12	...	2.8	23.0
443	109	Smith New Ct	440†	...	...	2.0	4.3
81	45	Trio Hldgs	59	+2	2.5	5.4	∞

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
574	456	AB Food	574†	+2	...	3.3	11.9
77½	46½	ASDA Group	61¼	-1	1.6	3.4	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	365	...	8.0	2.8	∞
80	55	Albert Fisher	71	...	...	6.6	15.8
407	246	Argyll	297†	-6	...	4.7	10.7
260	160	Banks (S C)	259	...	9.0	4.3	11.5
402	305	Barr (AG)	315†	...	6.5	2.6	∞
85	56	Benson Crsp	62	...	...	5.3	15.1
141	100	Berisford Intl	128#	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	451	+6	...	6.0	39.1
52	35	Borthwick	50¼†	...	...	3.0	62.7
505	430	Brake Bros	478	+8	6.3	1.7	19.9
51	37	Budgen	40	-1	...	3.1	12.1
546	407	Cadbury-Schw	526	-5	...	3.2	18.6
222	78	Carrs Milling	194†	...	...	2.8	14.1
196	133	Cranswick	159†	+3	...	6.3	15.0
22	8½	Cullens	16½	...	0.5	3.8	47.4
384	119	Dalepak	134	-5	5.0	4.7	10.5
543	424	Dalgety	540	+8½	...	4.7	15.4
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
266	191	Devro	286	+4	...	2.6	25.3
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
390	269	Farepak	390	...	5.7	1.8	24.0
10	3	Faringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	74	+1	...	7.0	24.6
125	78	Fyffes	98	...	...	1.6	17.6
483	256	Geest	300	+11	8.1	3.4	13.5
16	7	Globals	14	...	0.5	4.5	21.8
53	43	Grand Central	53	-3	0.8	1.9	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	169	+1	...	4.8	9.5
191	131	Hillsdown	190	+3	8.8	5.8	14.9
250	146	Iceland Group	200	+3	...	2.2	12.6
131	92	JLI Group	108†	...	...	5.4	12.0
853	542	Kwik Save	632	-6	...	3.6	11.4
262	144	Low (Wm)	189	...	...	5.6	6.6
90	41	Matthews (B)	89	...	2.3	3.3	58.3
19½	11	Merchant Retail	15†	...	0.9	7.9	20.7
174	84	Morrison (W)	117½	+½	...	0.9	15.3
233	177	Nichols (JN)	226	...	5.5	3.1	16.4
291	207½	Nthn Foods	260†	-4	...	4.1	12.7
20¼	8	Nrthmbrn Fds	10	+1	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	200	...	...	3.9	11.1
286	205	Park Foods	282	...	...	2.7	21.7
115	58	Perkins Food	74	+6	...	7.5	8.5
121	47	PizzaExpress	115½	+½	...	0.5	24.4
19	1½	Regina Hlth	4½	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	407	-9	...	2.8	16.4
86	33	Sentry Farm	73	...	1.5	2.6	13.1
225	90	Sims Food	107	+3	...	7.6	20.6
453	355½	Tate & Lyle	453†	+7	...	3.6	22.1
273	176	Tesco	236½	...	...	3.9	10.7
211	123	Thorntons	192	-1	...	2.4	...
203	101	Tranti	203	+5	3.7	2.5	∞
412	300	Unigate	412	+7	...	5.0	13.5
437	326	Utd Biscuits	373	-5	...	5.1	23.1
24½	18½	Usborne	20½	...	...	3.3	15.1
358	248	Watson & Phil	337†	-3	14.3	5.3	∞
59	30½	West Trust	43	...	...	7.8	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	92	...	1.5	2.1	22.2
285	170	Forte	281	-1	...	3.3	22.0
215	148	Friendly Hotels	181	+6	...	3.9	35.3
11½	5	Harmony Props	10½	...	...	...	...
168½	87	Jurys Hotel	157½	-5	...	4.0	12.8
222½	142	Ladbroke	212	+6½	11.1	6.6	18.1
98	59	Mandarin Ornt	91½	+4	...	3.7	22.7
2	1	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45#	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24½	11½	Ryan Hotels E	24	...	...	5.2	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	830	...	7.0	1.1	...
80	34½	Stakis	80	+1	1.0	1.6	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	43	-2	...	25.6	2.6
616	455	AAH	505†	+10	...	4.3	16.9
185	123	AIM	150	+3	7.5	6.2	9.1
132	88	APV	128	+2	...	5.3	...
238	81	ASW	164	+1	...	4.6	...
194½	118	Adwest	194½	+4	...	4.6	18.7
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.7	26.0
302	249	Airsprung	302†	...	...	1.9	19.3
200	113	Alenda W	199	...	4.1	2.6	31.5
13½	6½	Allied Radio	8¼	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	288	...	...	2.5	17.0
48	17	Alvis	41†	...	...	3.0	∞
725	345	Amber Ind	725†	...	...	3.3	16.6
56	45	Amberley Gp	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
107	75	Anagen	80	...	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	85	...	...	4.4	...
1350	703	Antofagasta	1330	...	...	1.5	24.6
54½	37	Armour	52½	...	...	4.9	12.5
173	143	Ash & Lacy	173	+3	6.4	4.6	17.7
4	2	Ass Br Eng	4	...	...	1.9	42.5
541½	434	Avon Rubber	535†	+5	...	3.9	∞
272	168	Assoc Nursg	272†	...	...	0.5	16.7
687½	488	Atlas Equip	493	...	...	5.6	12.4
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	...	...	...	...
215	147	BBA	215	+4	...	4.4	18.3
115	28	BLP Group	115	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	35	+3	...	2.3	...
770	590	BOC	648†	+4	...	4.5	15.4
79½	50	BSG	74	+2	...	5.4	25.8
553	353	BSS Group	553†	...	...	3.9	30.9
409½	318	BTR	374	+9½	...	3.7	20.9
221	147	BWI	159	...	...	5.3	14.7
50	25½	Babcock	37½	+½	...	3.6	22.5
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	9½	...	...	...	...
286	228	Baird (Wm)	262	-5	8.9	4.2	18.2
1062½	400	Barlow Rand	437½	...	...	7.5	8.0
67	48	Baynes (Charles)	66	+1	...	2.8	27.0
28½	14	Bearing Power	20½	...	0.7	4.6	∞
15	4	Beaufort	4	...	...	...	...
10	2	Beckenham	3	+½	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	34	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16	...	...	2.3	12.1
707	285	Bespak	355†	...	10.2	3.6	11.1
133	53	Bibby (J)	70	-2	2.0	3.6	∞
312	120	Billam (J)	203	...	5.3	3.3	10.2
41	21½	Bilston Bttrsea	30	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	4½	+½	...	...	...
255	118½	Birkby	255	...	3.7	1.8	13.3
45	29	Black Arrow	36	...	2.1	7.3	11.3
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	+½	...	...	...
268	136	Black (Peter)	268	...	3.7	1.7	23.6
590	129	Bluebird Toys	585	...	4.5	1.0	17.8
322	230	Bodycote	286	+2	...	2.2	18.3
40	23	Bogod 'A'	35†	...	0.7	2.5	13.0
609	416	Boots	587†	-2	...	3.0	22.4
61	39	Booth Inds	54	-1	...	...	...
523	402	Bowater	514	+4	...	2.9	21.5
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1600	-9½	...	...	...
279	190	Boxmore Intl	259	...	3.7	1.8	19.4
19	12½	Brasway	17¼†	-½	...	3.6	...
318	204	Brammer	318	+8	13.0	5.1	23.7
29	12	Bridgend Gp	26	...	0.4	...	...
126	64	Bridon	126	+2	...	4.0	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	75†	-2	...	4.2	...
53½	31	Brierley Inv	53½	+½	...	6.4	13.1
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	8.0	4.3	∞
119	42	Br Boudstock	110	+6	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	452	...	...	2.8	16.2
135½	54	Br Steel	123½	-1	...	1.5	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	...
195	115	Br Thornton	152†	...	...	4.1	15.8
281	215	Br Vita	280	+4	7.3	3.3	17.2
15½	9½	Britton Grp	14½	-½	...	1.6	...
879½	555	Broken Hill	879½	+8	...	2.1	39.6
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	98†	...	...	5.6	12.8
11½	6½	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
73	35	Brown & Tawse	68	+5	...	...	...
186	91	Bullough	166	+1	6.0	4.6	28.4
24	11½	Business Tech	15	+½	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	15	...	0.5	4.8	14.4
42	11	Campbll & Arm	39	-1	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	33½	...	...	...	...
283	205	Cape	263	...	...	5.0	17.8
441	254	Caradon	440	+5	...	2.5	35.6
214	128	-do- pf	209	+2	7.2	4.3	...
293	178	Carclo Eng	280	-3	8.7	3.8	20.5
2887½	2025	Carnaud Md	2262½	...	...	2.7	∞
104	68	Cassidy Bros	96†	+5	...	3.1	15.7
235	158	Castings	233	...	4.6	2.5	16.4
71	53	Cathay Intl	60	...	...	...	...
250	217	Celltech	218½	-2½	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	180	...	6.5	4.5	11.2
782	605	Charter	782	+9	...	3.5	12.0
345	220	Chemring	327†	+2	...	3.4	16.9
92	45	Chieftain Gp	46	...	4.5	12.2	9.9
45½	15½	Chillington	40	...	1.0	3.2	...
233	144	Christies Int	229	...	...	0.8	56.8
73	34	Clayhithe	73	...	...	4.3	...
150	95	Clayton Son	140	-5	...	...	...
425	295	Cohen (A)	425	+10	3.4	1.0	...
262	179	Community H	262	+13	...	3.3	17.0
246	186½	Concentric	233†	+3	5.8	3.1	∞
292	120	Cook (Wm)	286	...	6.0	2.6	17.3
262	182	Cookson	262	+3	...	2.9	34.7
95	38	Copymore	95	...	...	1.3	29.0
238	130	Crowll Pkr 'A'	164	+4	...	4.3	22.2
178	92	Cosalt	129†	...	...	5.2	...
255	150	Creighton Nt	255†	...	7.4	3.6	18.3
48	27	CrestaCare	40	...	0.6	2.0	34.6
4006½	2993¼	Dana	3900	-25	...	...	...
345	78½	Danka Bs Sys	335†	+3	...	0.6	31.8
283	193	David Brown	283	...	...	2.9	18.7

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22	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
935	632	De La Rue	935†	+31	...	2.6	22.5
38	16	Dinkie Heel	37	...	1.1	3.7	39.5
593	391	Diploma	575	...	...	2.6	23.0
92	50	Dobson Park	92†	...	3.7	5.1	∞
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	115	...	3.0	5.4	21.2
83	57	-do- 'A'	82	...	5.0	7.6	15.1
16½	8	EFG	15	+1	...	...	...
440	358	EIS	434	...	...	3.6	16.8
28	19	Elbief	24	...	...	...	...
50	19	Eleco	49	+1	...	...	...
2825	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2821½	+50	...	1.8	...
76	43	Elliott (B)	76	...	...	...	...
548	394	Eng China Cl	532	+9	...	4.7	31.0
144	111	Enviromed	144	+1	...	...	...
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3118¼	-12½	...	0.9	...
86	32	Eurocopy	85	...	1.7	2.5	∞
87	47	Expamet	70	+6	...	4.3	1.7
725	490	Fairey Group	725	+1	10.7	1.8	22.3
121	47	Fenner	121	+7	...	...	...
90	32	Ferrari Group	90†	+1	...	2.8	13.3
29	11	Ferrum	12	...	1.4	14.6	8.4
66	28	Fife Indmar	60	...	...	5.7	...
251	102	Fisons	139½	-3½	...	7.8	12.9
60	29	Fitzwilton	40†	...	...	7.3	...
288	215	Flogas	263	...	...	3.8	12.0
46	33	Folkes Group nv	46	...	1.5	4.2	25.5
118	58	French (Thomas)	115	...	3.6	4.0	∞
263	162	Frost Group	261	...	...	2.1	33.8
88	70	GEI Int	80	+1	...	3.9	...
571½	434	GKN	571½	+2½	...	4.5	38.1
51	42	GR Hldgs	51	...	...	4.4	...
133	79	Garton Eng	133	+2	4.1	3.9	...
161	108	Gestetner	154	+8	8.2	6.7	6.7
68	23	Glevet	64	+1	...	...	46.3
801	509	Glaxo	680	+6	...	4.0	17.8
38¼	16	Glenchewton	38¼	...	...	...	...
379	248	Glynwed	378	+2	11.6	3.9	35.6
153	66	Goode Durrant	153†	...	...	4.5	...
185	102	Grampian Hd	174	+4	5.5	4.0	30.2
587	341	Granada	552†	...	...	2.0	21.8
463	301	Great Strtn	463	...	11.4	3.1	19.0
117	73	Green (Ernest)	80	...	...	10.5	12.6
15½	8½	Greenacre	14½	-½	...	2.6	14.1
17	5	Guardian Grp	6#	...	...	...	...
70	30½	Haden MacLn	69½	-½	...	3.6	25.1
102	44	Hadleigh Inds	93	...	1.0	1.3	...
290	115	Hall Eng	285	+7	8.6	3.8	23.8
235	161	Halma	219†	-2½	...	1.2	27.4
58	30	Hampson Ind	58	+1	1.6	3.4	19.2
286½	232	Hanson	280¼	-5½	...	5.1	20.8
221	146	Harris (Philip)	158†	+1	...	5.4	9.6
210	147	Harrisn Crsfld	210	+8	9.0	5.4	30.3
158	38	Havelock Euro	153	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
40	17	Headway	38	...	...	2.3	...
17½	1½	Healthcare	1½#	...	...	...	0.5
511	301	Hepworth	506	+14	14.8	3.7	21.8
228	154	Hewitt (J)	185	...	3.2	2.2	14.5
57½	15	High-Point	54	...	0.5	1.2	...
191	112½	Hill & Smith	190	...	...	3.7	26.4
19½	6½	Hobson	17	...	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech	174	+2	6.0	4.3	22.7
52	30	Hopkinsons	52	+5	0.9	2.2	39.3
191	133	Hornby	191	+2	9.0	5.9	18.0
97	54½	Howden	91	-2	2.2	3.0	16.7
260	173	Hunting	252	+6	...	5.0	21.3
513	269½	Huntleigh Tech	488	...	...	2.6	12.5
358	247	IMI	357	+6	...	3.5	31.7
131	90	ISA Intl	130	...	1.5	1.5	20.2
205	131	Intercare Gp	162†	...	3.5	2.7	∞
290	235	Isotron	290	...	4.5	1.9	16.8
707	380	Jardine Math	607½	+8	...	2.1	22.0
568	425	Johnson Matth	568†	+17	...	2.3	22.2
64	35½	Johnson & FB	39½†	+½	...	4.3	37.6
177	104	Johnston	160	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	27½	+1½	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	+1	0.7	3.1	...
178	73	Kalon	168	...	...	2.6	23.3
297	195	Kelsey Ind	230†	...	8.0	4.3	∞
805	465	Kershaw (A)	805	+2	27.0	4.3	∞
276	75	Kleeneze	274†	...	1.0	0.5	...
164	61	LGW	159	...	3.4	2.7	13.2
387½	266	Laird	387½	+2½	...	3.4	19.1
157½	103	Lillieshall	145	...	...	3.8	19.1



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223	97	Lincat	211	...	...	3.6	14.9
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse	32½	...	...	...	26.8
128	76	Linread	114	-1	3.8	4.2	17.6
345	170	Linton Park	345	+7	...	5.1	12.5
15½	9½	Lionheart	11½	...	0.2	2.2	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	18	...	0.8	5.9	26.2
224	97	Lon Intl	186	+4	6.2	4.7	...
149½	70	Lonrho	146	+1	4.0	3.4	...
400	269	Low & Bonar	400	+1	...	2.9	56.0
49	14½	ML Hldgs	48	...	...	...	...
65	27	MS Intl	65†	+2½	...	4.8	39.9
59	39	MY Holdings	52†	...	...	3.0	13.7
253	168	Macfarlane	253	+2	...	1.7	28.7
485	379	McKechnie	485	+7½	...	3.8	23.3
127	85	McLeod Russel	121	...	...	6.3	17.9
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
132	71	Mang Bronze	130	...	2.5	2.4	∞
26½	19½	Marling	22½†	+½	...	4.7	...
228	124	Mayborn	228	...	5.2	2.9	17.5
62	29	Mayflower	58	...	...	1.0	48.4
236	85	Medeva	167½	+3	...	1.8	13.6
118	88	Meggitt	112½	+½	...	4.3	19.1
125	98	Metalrax	120	...	...	3.9	19.6
154	112	Metrotect	128†	...	...	3.2	17.8
103	70	Mersec	103	+2	...	...	...
100	29	Midstates	100	+1	...	0.9	13.9
5	½	Middlesex	4½	...	...	...	...
575	368	Molins	550	...	...	3.3	13.2
389	282	Morgan Cble	386	+4½	...	4.1	20.2
184	134	Morris Ashby	182	+2	5.7	4.0	13.6
42	18	Neepsend	41	...	1.0	3.0	55.0
75	34	Nestor-BNA	74	-1	3.1	5.3	17.7
249	122	Nobo Gp	239†	...	5.3	2.8	23.6
204	122½	Norcros	204†	+8	...	4.3	29.8
51	33	Novo Group	34†	...	...	4.0	10.9
413	310	Nu-Swift	398	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	50	...	...	...	...
63½	21	OMI Intl	63†	...	...	...	...
165	123	PCT	162	...	7.2	5.6	18.4
91	36	Pacer Systems	78	-2	...	5.6	...
138	87½	Pentland	118	+1	...	2.8	16.0
395	283	Photo-Me	296	+10	4.6	1.9	19.1
197	97½	Pilkington	197†	+5	...	1.6	...
103	68	Plantsbrook	103	+2	3.1	3.8	16.2
176	125	Polypipe	176	-4	2.1	1.5	23.8
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	23	+1	...	2.2	10.5
14½	5½	Porth Gp	12½	...	...	...	...
376	272	Powerscreen	333†	...	...	2.6	17.3
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	20	...	...	5.1	11.3
65	33½	RPS Group	61	-1	2.3	4.7	13.5
95	73	Radiant Metal	82	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil	163	+5	1.0	0.8	54.6
1059	636	Rank Org	1052	+14	...	3.7	22.7
33	13	Ransomes	18	...	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Colm	680	-4	...	3.1	15.7
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7¼	2½	Reece	5¼	...	...	...	...
277	191	Relyon	272	...	5.0	2.3	32.6
303	208	Renishaw	298	...	...	2.7	35.4
135	55	Renold	132†	+2	...	1.6	...
1943	1240	Rexam	1886	-34	22.1	1.5	31.2
87	24½	Rexmore	82†	...	2.0	3.1	...
199	91	Ricardo Group	199	+2	...	3.6	28.3
76	58	Richard (Leics)	71	...	3.7	6.6	...
100	63	Richardson West	100	+7	3.0	3.8	25.6
142	109	Ropner	138	...	8.2	7.5	19.6
136	97	-do- 'A'	134	...	8.2	7.7	19.0
38	14	Ross Gp	19½	+1	0.6	4.2	8.0
189	131½	Rotork	189	+5	...	2.5	22.1
181	89	Rubicon	181	+9	...	2.8	25.4
70	43	Russell (A)	70	+4	...	0.9	...
38	15	SEP Indl	38†	...	0.4	2.7	∞
1268¼	635	SKF 'B'	1253¼	-12½	...	...	...
248	205	Scapa	247†	+6	...	2.9	18.4
238	173	Scholl	195	...	...	4.0	14.2
323	227	Scoda	288¼	-½	...	...	...
1230	917	Securicor	1230	+15	...	0.3	34.8
949	582	-do- 'A'	949	+12	...	0.4	26.8
824	465	Security Serv	824	+12	5.6	0.9	∞
136½	77	Senior Eng	134½	...	...	3.0	22.5
361	278	Seton Health	327†	+1	...	2.3	19.3
43	31	Sheldon Jones	33	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	142	...	3.0	2.7	15.3
344	271	Sidlaw	331†	-1	...	4.0	16.4
597	427	Siebe	567†	...	...	2.3	20.0
383	230	Silentnight	374	+4	...	2.7	30.3
181	103	Sime Darby	145	+5	...	3.7	∞

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142	32	Simon Eng	132½	+1½	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	196	+9	...	4.5	15.3
47	35	Six Hundred	43	+1	...	4.4	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	159½	+2	...	3.7	17.6
513	373	Smithkline	435†	+6	9.6	2.8	15.7
450	340	Smithkline Uts	400†	+9	...	3.0	13.6
503	320	Smiths Ind	503	+21	...	2.9	20.1
140	58	Sthn Bus	77†	...	...	6.0	4.0
485	365	Spandex	485	...	...	1.7	21.6
660	300	Spear (JW)	420	...	4.5	1.3	7.8
391	314	Spirax-Sarco	389	-1	...	3.0	24.4
145	44	Spring Ram	63½	+5	...	0.5	...
270	201	Staveley	249	+20	...	4.3	14.1
217	126	Sterling Ind	217†	+12	...	3.4	33.3
196	97	Suter	196	+1	9.0	3.7	20.5
611	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	511½	+6½	...	1.8	∞
7	1	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	55	...	3.0	7.0	10.5
175	120	Syltone	175†	...	...	3.4	25.3
455	279	TI	429	...	...	3.2	29.3
41	12	TLS Range	40	+1	0.2	0.8	...
355	211	TT Group	355	+4	...	2.3	21.9
292	201	Takare	280	-2	...	0.8	24.4
868	618	Takeda Chem	754	+8	...	0.8	14.3
68	24	Tex Hldgs	58	...	...	3.6	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	101†	...	...	6.9	17.4
260	150	Titon	217†	...	4.2	2.4	∞
274	212½	Tomkins	264†	-3	...	3.1	19.5
113	59	Trafalgar H	105½	+8	...	3.9	...
116	61	Transfer Tech	81	+1	3.2	4.9	10.2
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	190†	+1	...	5.8	18.0
289	214	UniChem	289	-4	8.4	2.8	18.9
390	275½	Unidare	390	...	...	3.3	∞
76	11½	Unigroup	34	...	...	...	...
1249	998	Unilever	1196	+21	22.2	2.3	16.3
8112½	6062½	Unilever (NV)	7796½	+134½	...	2.7	12.9
24½	9	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
964	513	VSEL	964†	+11	...	4.0	10.4
19½	6½	Verson	19	...	...	...	...
183	95½	Vickers	176	+1	...	1.6	...
362	243	Victaulic	309	+8	...	3.2	15.3
479	283	Vinten	479	...	...	1.9	22.3
715	427	Vosper Thorny	715	+9	...	2.9	16.6
48	33	WSP Hldgs	46	...	...	7.3	12.0
475	368	Wagon Ind	475†	...	...	4.6	20.9
8¼	1½	Wakebourne	3¼	...	...	...	17.7
108	71	Walker Greenbk	108	...	3.1	3.6	27.6
297	201	Wassall	296	+7	2.7	1.2	28.9
51	22	Wtrfrd Wdgwd	49	...	...	1.2	27.4
384	252	Weir	329	+5	...	2.3	18.6
693	600	Wellcome	662	+4	...	3.3	14.0
28	16	Wellman	28†	+2½	0.9	4.0	45.7
387	260	West Hlthcare	384	-1	...	1.2	24.7
510	455	Wharman	508	+6	9.7	2.4	17.2
353	211	Whessoe	245†	...	...	4.2	11.6
100	27	Whitecroft	100	+1	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
138	44	Wilkes (James)	138	...	3.5	...	40.4
406	295½	Williams Hldg	406	+6	12.5	3.8	21.3
49½	17	Wilshaw	45†	+½	...	1.5	28.4
913	533	Wolseley	908†	+13	...	1.8	27.1
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	1.6	...
88	38	Young (H)	78†	...	3.3	5.3	∞

INSURANCE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1393½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1312½	+18½	...	5.1	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1975	-37½	...	3.7	...
86	30	Archer (AJ)	82†	-1	...	1.5	...
156	118	Bradstock	153	-3	5.5	4.6	∞
498	359½	Britannic	474	+10	...	3.1	...
688	556	Com Union	682	+7	...	4.4	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1698	-50	...	1.7	22.5
63	18	FAI	63	+1	...	...	...
186	166	Fenchurch Grp	181	...	...	5.0	16.2
757	546	Gen Accident	739	-6	26.7	4.5	...
236	160	GRE	228	...	7.1	3.9	18.9
433	293	Heath C E	432	+5	...	4.6	...
228	148	Hogg Gp	168	+1	8.1	6.1	15.2
300	295	Independent Ins	300	...	...	3.4	27.6
215	162	JIB Group	186	+2	...	5.0	19.1
546	408½	Legal & Gen	534	...	...	4.5	32.4
1271¼	768¼	Liberty Life	1215¼	...	...	2.6	19.3
121	99	LIMIT	116	...	...	...	...
466	403	Lloyds Abbey	455	+7	17.3	4.8	16.4
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	309	+3	6.7	2.7	19.2
410	274	London & Man	410	+15	14.7	4.5	20.2
454	321	Lowndes Lmb	453†	+3	14.0	3.9	16.3
6743¼	5256¼	Marsh McLn	5487¼	-56¼	...	3.3	...
130	76	Oriel	121	-1	...	5.2	...
83	50½	PWS	80†	...	4.0	6.2	∞
385	282½	Prudential	371	+7	...	4.1	24.6
392	266½	Refuge	390	+9	...	3.4	43.5
347	248	Royal	323	-4	...	2.5	...
204	150	Sedgwick	197	-2	...	3.8	24.3
261	100	Steel Burrill	131	-2	...	11.5	7.7
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	76	...	...	5.1	62.8
418	309	Sun Alliance	387	-8	14.2	4.6	...
98	50	Trade Indemnity	85	...	...	...	...
388	239	Transatlantic	385	...	12.0	3.9	35.7
773	490	Utd Friendly	593	+5	15.1	3.2	25.8
345	171	Willis Corroon	230	+1	...	3.6	49.4
25	13½	Windsor	23	...	...	...	18.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1980	1548	Alliance	1974	+13	45.5	2.9	...
161	124	BZW Conv	155	-½	7.8	6.3	...
210	139½	Bankers	207½†	+1	3.6	2.2	∞
372	264	Baring Tribne	365	...	6.4	2.2	...
218	131	Berry Starq	218	+13	2.2	1.3	...
117	96½	Br Assets	115	+1½	...	4.7	...
94½	57½	Br Empire Sec	94½	+1	...	1.2	...
38	14	-do- Wnts	38	+1	...	...	...
223	196	Br Inv	221	+1	4.6	2.6	...
262	174	Brunner	257	...	5.2	2.6	∞
221	130	Contl Asset	214	...	2.4	1.4	...
195	143	Derby Inc	157	...	...	11.3	...
320	195	-do- Cap	315	+2	...	...	...
97	62	Drayton Blue	93†	...	8.4	11.3	...
95	35	-do- Eng Intl	95	+2	1.0	1.3	...
150½	84	-do- Far East	141	...	0.6	0.6	...
165½	95	-do- Korea	162	...	0.5	0.4	...
772	576	Dunedin Inc G	763	+7	...	4.2	...
100	76	-do- Japan	92½	+½	...	...	...
63	34	-do- Warrants	63	+1	...	...	...
788	513	-do- Wrde	782†	+4	...	1.5	...
316	222	Dundee & Lon	316†	+3	...	3.6	...
348	250½	Edinburgh	344½	+4½	8.5	3.1	...
336	183	Electra Inv	336†	+6	7.0	2.6	∞
208	141	Electric Gen	205†	...	3.1	1.9	...
124	85	English Scot	124	...	...	...	...
341	205	European Asset	337	...	...	2.1	...
157	77	Finsbury 'A'	157	+5	3.0	2.4	...
326	248	Fleming Amer	326	+3	0.8	0.3	...
145	91	Fleming Chinese	122	+2	...	...	...
92	52	-do- Warrants	85	+4	...	...	...
250	190½	-do- Claver	250	+3½	...	2.2	...
364	212	Do Contl	361	+3	2.7	0.9	...
229	147	-do- Eurp	227	...	...	2.6	...
459	213	-do- F East	402	+1	1.1	0.3	...
383	246	-do- Fledg	382	+5	3.0	1.0	...
122	93	-do- Fl Inc	111	...	...	5.0	...
360	136	-do- Japan	240	+3	...	0.2	...
322	250	-do- Merc	322†	+4	6.7	2.6	...
335	212	-do- Overs	326	+1	4.2	1.6	...
299	203	Foreign & Col	299	+2	...	1.4	...
140	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	129	...	0.2	0.3	∞
74½	44	-do- Enterprise	74½	...	0.4	0.7	...
251	164	-do- Eurotst	249	+½	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	129	...	0.5	0.5	...
357	191	-do- Pacific	329	...	...	0.8	...
186	116	-do- Smaller	184†	+1	1.8	1.3	...
272	145	GT Japan	260	+2	...	0.6	...
180	65	Genl Cons Cap	178	+1	...	...	...
123½	99½	-do- Inc	112	...	...	9.4	...
179	115	Govett Am Smlr	176	...	...	...	...
144	94	-do- Emg Mkts	134	...	...	...	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	387	+1	0.9	0.2	...
316	207	-do- Strategy	316	+6	...	2.7	...
440	340	Greenfriar	440	...	...	1.8	...
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
154	124	Inv Cap	148	...	...	4.3	...
112	77	IBS UK Smlr	112	+3	2.8	3.1	...
236	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	230	...	5.1	2.8	∞
264	176	-do- O'seas	255	+1	3.3	1.6	...
150	108	-do- Smlr	150	...	...	2.9	...
826	540	Law Debenture	814	+1	18.5	2.8	...
226	164	Majedie	224	...	...	2.8	...
314	221	Merchants	310†	+3	...	4.4	...
3343½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2800	-37½	...	...	...
592	383	Monks Inv Tst	570†	+6	...	1.5	...
134	105	Morg Grenf Inc	140	...	4.5	3.8	∞
59	23	Do Warrants	58	+1	...	...	...
65	39	Murray Euro	64	...	0.1	0.3	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	22	...	...	...	...
389	282	Murray Income	374†	+2	10.9	3.6	...
394	265	-do- Intl	382†	+4	11.6	3.8	...
539	263	-do- Small	525	+4	...	1.0	...
103	80½	-do- S/C Inc	96	...	...	13.8	...
160	73	-do- S/C Cap	160	+5	...	...	...
3250	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3250	...	...	...	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	159½	...	...	...	...
358	230	-do- Vent	356	...	...	3.8	...
94	68	Nwthrng Inc	94	...	6.2	9.1	...
386	249	O'seas Inv Tst	377	...	...	1.0	...
647	285	Pacific Assets	586	+7	1.1	0.2	...
545	187	Do Warrants	471	+8	...	...	...
8850	7650	Personal Assets	8825	...	19.0	2.7	...
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	182	+2	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	124	...	9.2	9.3	...
485	350	Robeco	430	...	...	2.9	...
439	346	Rolinco	439	...	...	1.8	...
301	214	St Andrew Inv	301	+1	7.5	3.1	...
174	131	Scot American	173½	+3	...	3.3	...
371	136	Scott Asian	320	+4	...	...	...
1090	225	do Warrants	965	+5	...	...	...
92	63½	-do- Eastern	91	+1	1.5	2.1	...
249	183	Scottish	249†	+3	4.9	2.5	∞
257	178	-do- Mrge	256	+5	4.0	2.0	...
127½	71	-do- Vntre	125½	...	1.8	1.8	∞
1748	1390	Second Alnce	1739	+11	...	2.8	...
103	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	101	+1½	3.2	4.0	...
172	109½	Selective Asset	172	...	1.2	0.6	...
46½	14	Sphere Inv	45½	...	3.1	8.5	...
205	112	TR Far East	184	+1	...	5.4	...
167	126	TR City Of Lon	164¼†	...	...	3.6	...
249	110	TR Pacific	214	-1	0.3	0.2	...
41½	17	TR Property	40½	+1½	0.9	2.8	...
136	47	TR Tech Inv	133	+2	1.7	1.6	...
214	146	TR Smlr Cos	214	+4	...	2.2	...
399½	283	Temple Bar	396	+4	13.2	4.2	...
135	69	Thmtn Asian E	129	+2	0.5	0.5	...
94	54	Throgmorton	89	+1½	2.3	3.2	...
550	303	Thmg Dual Cp	538	...	...	...	...
260	178	USDC Invest	257	+1	4.5	2.2	...
120	78½	Value Inc Tst	120	+1	4.0	4.2	...
930	542	Whitbread Inv	925	...	18.5	2.2	...
249½	181	Witan	246	+3	5.6	2.8	...

LEISURE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
547	269	Airtours	547†	+3	...	2.1	17.4
64	41	Ald Leis	47½	...	...	8.8	13.9
664	194	Anglia TV	664	+180	...	1.7	30.8
103	63	Baldwin	98	...	4.6	5.9	13.3
274	192	Barr & W 'A'	274	+5	10.0	4.6	17.7
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
160	90	Border TV	160	+15	3.6	2.8	14.3
16½	4	Brent Walker	6½	+½	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scotts	100	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	6	...	...	...	...
292	44	Campari	58	...	8.7	18.9	...
376	171	Capital Radio	376	+12	5.7	1.9	...
1013	718	Carlton Comm	1010	+39	...	2.3	23.8
278	158	Castle Commn	277	-1	...	3.8	18.4
3053	1615	Central TV	3053	+73	39.0	1.6	33.2
124	61	Chrysalis	118†	...	3.2	3.4	...
704	470	Compass Gp	704	+3	...	2.3	19.4
350	175	Eurocamp	256	-21	9.7	4.8	10.6
1180	268	Euro Disney	394	...	...	2.9	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3	...	...	...	...
39½	18	Ex-Lands	36	...	...	1.2	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	339	+9	...	4.0	31.2
378	232	First Leisure	328	+3	6.5	2.5	∞
385	71	Flextech	379#	...	0.5	0.2	...
695	398	GWR Gp	693	...	9.0	1.6	∞
295	149	Grampian	295	+7	6.5	3.2	17.2
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	15	...	...	...	...
119	19	HTV Group	119	+8	...	...	52.9
88	30	Hi-Tec Sports	84	...	...	3.3	...
15½	5½	Kunick	15	...	...	...	14.1
688	405	LWT Hldgs	675	+7	...	0.9	31.2
600	327	Man Utd	580	...	...	4.4	22.6
48	7½	Northern	45	+4	...	...	8.7
148	59	Owners Abrd	96	+7	3.9	5.1	7.7
84	33	The Pelican Gp	84	+2	1.1	1.6	19.7
181	55	Prism Leisure	178	-1	3.2	2.3	16.5
42	16	Quadrant Grp	37	...	...	...	...
445	274	Radio Clyde	445†	+12	...	2.7	19.8
210	132	Ramsdens (H)	210	-1	4.5	2.7	27.9
553	410	Scot TV	491	+25	10.3	2.6	24.2
84	37	Southern Radio	84†	+1	...	1.9	37.2
338	168	Stanley Leisure	333	-2	5.2	2.0	26.1
10	5½	Sunleigh	7¼	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	130	...	3.5	3.4	19.9
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Ticketing	2¼	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	94†	+6	...	2.7	4.9
92	44	Trans World	91	...	0.8	1.1	33.2
571	274	Ulster TV	565	+12	12.0	2.7	17.3
129½	62	Vardon	129½	+5½	0.8	0.8	30.6
234	110	Yorkshire TV	201	+15	12.0	7.5	6.1
120	80	Zetters Gp	115	+2	8.0	9.0	12.6

MINING

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6518¼	1800	Am Gold	6318¼	-53¼	...	3.5	28.1
1897½	1019½	Ang Am Coal	1856¼	-18¼	...	5.0	9.8
3695	1125	Ang Am	3356¼	-43¾	...	2.1	27.6
37½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	35½	...	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	150½	-9½	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	30¼	+½	...	...	5.3
890	233	Buffels	821½	-6¼	...	7.9	7.1
5½	1	Butte	5½	+½	...	...	...
878	546	CRA	832½	+3	...	2.5	28.6
43½	11	Cluff Res	43	+2	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1643¼	-50	...	3.0	22.3
165	37½	Deelkraal	134†	-5	...	1.5	9.8
96	7	Doornfontein	80½	+½	...	...	...
914	388	Driefontein	821¼	-21¼	...	3.6	13.5
788	120	Durban	695¼	-25¼	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	146¼	+½	...	7.5	4.3
175	35	E Rand Prop	109	...	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	444¼	-½	...	2.9	9.8
1239	292	FS Cons	1106	-3	...	4.4	14.2
80	8	FS Dev	50	...	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1657½	-43¾	...	2.5	27.0
150	62½	Gencor	133½	-½	...	6.7	15.0
80¼	35½	GM Kalgoorli	77½	-3¼	...	1.8	31.7
22¼	5	Greenwich R 'A'	16¼	-½	...	...	...
202	49	Grootvlei	150¼	-9	...	6.8	9.2
416	78	Harmony	415¼	-½	...	...	...
430	87	Harties	392¼	+½	...	7.3	9.8
16½	8½	Incoca	15½	...	...	...	...
1028¼	490¼	Impala Plat	898¼	...	...	3.2	28.9
14¼	6	Kenmare Res	14¼	+1½	...	...	...
1315½	331¼	Kinross	1209½	...	...	4.7	13.4
913	319	Kloof	821¼	-12¼	...	2.7	9.7
137	25	Leslie	95¼	-½	...	10.8	5.1
359	13	Loraine	281¼	-6¼	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.0	...
127¼	80	MIM	124¼	+½	...	1.9	53.9
1510	820	Minorco	1510	-3	...	2.6	17.9
181¼	91	Nth Brkn Hill	179½	-2	...	2.8	27.5
4587¼	1612¼	Orange Free	2781¼	-28¼	...	4.6	16.4
899	607	RTZ	820	+10	...	3.0	23.2
225	105¼	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.1	∞
801¼	150	Randfontein	779¼	-½	...	3.7	7.8
234	115	Renison	250	+15	...	1.8	25.9
1346¼	850	Rustnbrg	1221¼	...	...	2.7	∞
756	191	St Helena	678¼	-8¼	...	3.6	14.0
2887¼	475	Southvaal	2203¼	...	...	2.6	39.0
119	18	Stilfontein	89¼	+¼	...	7.1	15.8
201	58	Unisel	116	...	...	5.7	11.1
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	6603¼	-106¼	...	3.3	11.5
813	154	Welkom	720¼	-½	...	4.7	16.2
640	26	Western Areas	559¼	-10¼	...	0.9	3.9
3362¼	587¼	Western Deep	2756¼	-68¼	...	2.2	12.8
330¼	176	Wstrn Mining	348¼	+9¼	...	1.4	...
1225	321¼	Winkels	1046¼	...	...	3.6	10.0
84	49	Zambia Copper	57	+4	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	62	...	...	7.4	20.6

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	110	-5	3.0	3.4	10.6
167	78	Appleyard	167	+9	...	3.9	...
350	203	Bletchley Mtr	350	...	...	3.3	17.8
203	120	Bostrom	203	...	6.0	3.7	35.9
466	165	Br Aerospace	391	-23	7.3	2.3	...
58	19½	Burndene	48†	...	1.7	4.5	∞
425	303	Caffyns	410	...	11.5	3.5	21.7
15½	4½	Caverdale	14½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	116	-12	4.0	4.4	∞
42	18	Cook (DC)	40	-1	0.9	2.8	22.7
320	156	Cowie (T)	320	+15	6.6	2.6	24.4
154	86	Dag Motors	154	+6	5.7	4.7	27.8
153	102½	Davnport Vern	147	+1	...	3.4	18.6
330	155	ERF	316	+1	2.0	0.8	...
152	92	European Mtr	151	...	...	3.1	21.2
473	208	Evans Halshaw	473	+3	11.4	3.0	72.0
290	211	FR Group	265	...	...	3.4	12.3
4581¼	2843¾	Ford Motor	4581¼	...	...	...	...
4112½	2143¾	General Mtr	4062¼	-50	...	1.3	...
73	38	Gowrings	63	+3	2.0	4.0	...
320	85	Henlys	320	+16	3.5	1.4	...
1056	769	Honda Motor	977	-2½	...	0.9	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	43	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	98	...	4.5	5.7	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	167	+1	...	2.6	23.6
496	281	Lex Service	496	+16	...	2.8	27.1
229	85	Lookers	229	+31	6.5	3.6	∞
212	126	Lucas	206	-5	...	4.2	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25½	...	...	...	...
298	224½	Pendragon	296	...	...	2.7	34.3
220	101½	Perry Gp	203	+6	...	4.4	...
190	108	Quicks Group	176	+5	...	3.4	22.5
177	96½	Rolls-Royce	172½	+8½	...	3.6	...
341	164	T & N	241	+2½	...	5.6	34.3
278	163	Trinity Hldgs	278†	+4	...	2.5	26.0
205	125	Vardy (Reg)	205	+1	...	3.6	28.5
266	121	Wertland	265†	...	...	2.1	18.6

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
237	103	Adscene	237	+12	5.0	2.6	24.3
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	290	Blenheim Gp	393	+5	...	3.0	14.6
380	275	Bristol	378†	...	...	4.0	34.1
£119½	7775	Daily Mail	£119¼†	+275	...	1.5	27.9
£119½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£119¼†	+275	...	1.5	27.9
355	210	Dorling Kind	280	+15	...	1.5	25.3
6550	4337½	Elsevier	6193¼	+106¼	...	1.5	21.3
495	322	EMAP	495	+11	...	2.2	28.1
1525	873	Euromoney Pb	1513	...	...	3.1	26.6
264	157	Barrington K	157	...	4.7	3.7	12.8
405	159½	Haynes Pub	404	...	...	1.7	22.8
363	334	Hodder H'line	341	...	5.1	1.9	29.0
140	99	Home Counts	135	+10	5.2	4.9	...
173	30	Intl Bus Comm	173	...	...	...	25.0
14	6½	Intl Cm & Data	14	+1½	...	...	...
495	240	Independent	495	+5	...	2.5	26.7
608	395	Johnston Press	608	+20	6.5	1.3	26.3
355	243	Metal Bulletin	355	...	8.2	2.9	25.1
192	88	Mirror Gp	189	+1	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	480	+14	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	277	-1	...	0.6	17.0
639	342	Pearson	628	+10	...	2.4	34.1
720	510	Portsmth Sund	720	+10	...	1.6	19.9
923	618	Reed Int	886	+22	...	2.5	36.6
200	98	Southnews	200	...	2.3	1.5	37.0
195	90	Sterling Pubs	187	+1	...	2.1	22.7
530	328	Telegraph	530	+20	...	2.8	22.3
835	715	Thomson Corp	835	...	30.1	4.5	41.4
439	313	Trinity Intl	439	+1	9.0	2.6	26.3
39	21	Unit Group	33	...	...	...	...
685	480½	Utd Newspprs	666	+8	...	4.0	18.5

OILS, GAS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	29	...	...	...	28.2
61	33	Arcon Intl	47½	+2½	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	65½	+3	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	62	-1	...	...	...
18	3½	Beverley	8½	+½	...	...	...
229	145	Br Borneo	229	+6	7.1	3.9	6.9
361½	276	British Gas	337½	+½	14.2	5.3	16.3
378½	225	Br Petroleum	365½	...	8.4	2.9	28.7
3½	1	Bula Resources	3	+½	...	...	...
863	675	Burmah Castrl	822	-2	...	3.8	19.2
68	33	Cairn Energy	61	...	...	...	8.7
345	223	Calor Gp	345	+3	...	4.3	18.8
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	50½	+1½	...	...	...
44	27	Copley Res	28½	-½	...	...	...
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	20½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	402	+13	...	4.3	25.4
98	26	Exp Co Louis	34	-1	...	...	...
34½	19½	Fairhaven Intl	25	+½	...	4.3	9.0
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	59	+3	1.4	3.0	11.3
49	18	Gt Western Res	39	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	177	+9	...	0.7	16.5
51	18½	Kelt Energy	51	+1	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	124	...	...	3.3	25.1
103	63	-do- Units	68	...	2.4	12.6	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res	2½	...	...	...	...
57	34	Monument	57	+½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	6.3	20.2
51	27	Oil Search	45	...	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petrax	16½	-½	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	159	+1	...	...	9.0
29½	18	Premier	24½	+1	...	...	...
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	330	...	...	4.9	...
7700	5150	Royal Dutch Fl	7312½	+12½	...	4.2	18.2
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4032½	+34½	...	2.3	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
749	513	Shell	734	-10	22.8	3.7	22.6
205	145	Sunrise Eng Sv	145	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
16½	6	Villiers Grp	16	...	...	1.8	...
208	135	Woodside	198	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	120	AG Holdings	182	...	...	3.6	16.5
441	249	API	441†	...	...	2.3	22.7
280	144	Arjo Wiggins	230	+3	...	2.9	45.2
560	408	Abbott Mead	560	+2	9.5	2.1	29.4
40	13	Aegis Gp	23	-½	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	178	+6	4.9	3.4	16.2
26	7	BBB Design	26	...	...	...	...
455	223	Bemrose	455	+25	...	3.6	30.9
30½	7	Birkdale	11	+1	...	...	...
175	118	Bunzl	170	-2	4.0	2.9	25.6
430	257	CIA Gp	425	...	4.4	1.3	26.9
230	93	Capital Inds	179	+1	...	3.2	13.3
92	44	City of Lon	84	...	...	5.7	15.5
322	169	Cropper (James)	321	...	3.2	1.3	31.0
97	51	Delyn Group	97	+8	1.6	2.2	13.1
120	94	Dolphin Pack	107	...	4.5	5.3	20.4
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	76	...	...	5.3	17.1
16½	10½	Elswick	15½	-½	...	2.5	17.1
86	41	Fairway Group	84	...	3.2	4.8	24.8
377	271	Ferguson Intl	377	+3	...	4.1	17.2
137	92	Ferry Pick	132	...	...	5.1	37.0
147	74	Filofax	140	...	...	1.0	24.3
20	10½	Fitch	11½	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons	141†	...	5.2	4.6	15.9
295	205	Gold Greenless	260	-3	8.4	4.0	23.9
41	17	Goodhead	24	-1	0.0	0.3	∞
88	19	Hunterprint	25	-2	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	161	...	...	0.3	11.9
288	191	Jarvis Porter	268	...	...	2.1	26.9
32	15½	Lopex	27	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MDA	32½	-½	...	...	...
400	175	More O'Ferrall	400	+5	13.2	4.1	47.9
133	48	NMC Group	130†	...	2.7	2.6	20.1
282	65	Osborne & Little	282†	+3	...	3.2	32.1
546	455	Portals	546	+3	...	3.4	18.6
3¼	¼	Premier Hlth	2¼	+½	...	...	...
303	159	Quarto	303	+2	...	2.4	18.7
366	220	St Ives Gp	365	+8½	...	1.9	24.1
186	133	Saatchi	153	+4	...	...	...
502	292	Sappi	479½	-1½	...	6.9	9.1
39¼	8½	Seril	30½	+4½	...	...	...
33	14	Shandwick	32	-1	...	...	...
476	294	Smith David	426	...	...	2.6	24.8
334	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	334	+1	...	1.6	8.0
105	45	Somic	105†	...	2.5	3.0	43.0
246	183	Stat-Plus	229	...	8.4	4.7	19.9
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	26	+½	0.3	1.6	21.8
136	38	VTR	136	+1	...	3.4	30.5
114	40	WPP	114	+4	...	1.1	4.3
230	62	Wace	230	+5	...	0.5	...
290	205	Waddington (J)	290	+16	...	3.5	21.7
455	220	Watmough	455	+16	...	1.6	35.7
7	3	Westport	4½	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mck	40	...	...	...	...
103	55	Wyndeham	103†	...	...	1.8	22.1

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
123	41	Allied Lon	123	+1	...	3.6	31.9
47	35	Arcadian	43	+2	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	8½	+½	...	...	...
140	52	Asda	140	...	...	1.9	14.7
159	88	Avonside	159	+6	4.1	3.2	22.1
2637½	2062½	BCE	2400	-40½	...	...	...
720	396	Bilton	720	...	18.9	3.3	26.0
94	17	Bourne End	94	+3	...	1.3	...
275	190	Bradford	270	...	5.9	2.7	27.4
23	5	Bredero	16	...	...	...	...
449	166½	Br Land	429†	+8	...	2.1	39.1
250	140½	Brixton	248	+1	...	4.2	19.6
109	42	Burford	109	+½	...	1.5	...
204	99	Cap & Regnl	204	...	1.3	0.8	...
245	120	Cardiff Prop	245	...	2.4	1.2	...
598	196	Chesterfield	594	...	11.5	2.5	41.8
47	12	City Site Ests	46	...	...	...	...
38	12	Clarke Nickolls	32	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
53	34	Conrad Hist G5	45	...	...	...	...
1505	818	Daejan	1505	+50	...	2.2	18.6
66	5	Dares Estates	11½	+1	...	...	...
143	53	Debenham Twn	141†	...	...	2.9	37.5
17	4	De Morgan	16	...	...	...	...
180	76	Dencora	180	...	3.0	2.1	...
688	263	Derwent Hldgs	688	...	8.7	1.6	...
45	10	Development Sec	39½	+1	...	...	...
56	24	Dwyer	54	...	...	...	...
406	170	Estates Agency	395	-11	...	2.4	46.9
27	7½	Estates Gen	23	...	...	...	...
125	66	Evans Of Leeds	125†	+5	...	2.4	22.1
38½	11	Five Oaks	36	...	...	...	...
67	30	Fletcher King	66†	...	1.0	1.9	43.7
515	226½	Frogmore	506	...	...	4.0	24.3
257	97	Grainger	257†	...	5.2	2.6	∞
238	116½	Gr Portland	233	+4	...	4.3	22.3
30	3½	Greycoat	19½	+½	...	...	...
269	101	HK Land	227	+2½	...	2.8	29.9
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	86	...	0.5	0.7	...
422	233	Hammerson	389	+10	10.0	3.2	39.4
331	127	Helical Bar	330	+1	...	1.9	11.9
39½	19	Hemingway	39½	...	...	...	...
132	56	Hemlng Baker	76	+15	3.7	6.2	19.1
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	752	+7	23.1	3.8	22.4
115	73	Lon Merch Sec	113†	+3	4.0	4.3	17.9
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	532†	-11	...	4.7	37.5
11½	5	McInerney A	11½	...	...	...	...
180	90	McKay Secs	180	...	3.5	2.4	24.7
7½	2½	Markheath	2½	...	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	79	...	...	...	...
55	29	Moorfield Est	54	...	...	...	...
1368½	775	Mountview	1281½	...	22.0	2.2	13.3
181	112	Muckow (A&J)	181	...	...	4.2	29.2
53	30	Olives Prop	50	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	OKB	1½	...	...	...	...
180	68	PSIT	180	...	4.3	3.0	35.7
370	138	Peel	368	...	4.3	1.5	...
16	4½	Power Corp	9½	...	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	45	+1	...	...	12.8
63	33	Raglan	42	...	...	...	...
40	11	Regalian	38½	-½	...	...	...
160	110	Rowlinson Secs	140†	+5	1.5	1.2	20.0
52½	16	St Modwen Prp	52½	+½	0.9	2.1	40.0
75	39	Saville Grdn (J)	69†	+2½	...	4.9	34.4
100	39	Savills	96†	...	...	2.3	38.0
112	39½	Scot Met	105	...	...	1.8	...
127	30	Shaftesbury	122	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	13½	...	...	...	7.1
290	139½	Slough Estates	287	+5	...	3.5	20.1
101	56	Southend Prop	97†	...	...	3.1	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	25	...	...	...	...
231	114	Tops Ests	228†	...	2.1	1.2	...
141	79	Town Centre	140	...	...	1.0	25.1
98	43	Trafford Park	98	...	...	3.6	22.6
56	17	UK Land	31	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
314	180	Warner	312	...	10.4	4.2	28.5
238	168	Warnford	238	...	7.5	4.0	17.2
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	89	...	...	...	...
98	40	Wood John D	94	+1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32	11	Automagic	32	...	...	...	...
210	84	Headlam	203	...	...	1.8	45.8
500	285	Lambert	315	...	13.2	5.3	7.7
100	41	Pittards	72	...	1.5	2.6	20.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22½	...	1.0	5.6	6.3
248	89	Stylo	244	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	58	...	...	5.6	1.9

TEXTILES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
531	408	Allied Text	530	...	12.7	3.0	17.0
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	...	7.1	13.5
41	21	Bolton Gp	27	...	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	217	...	8.5	4.9	20.3
53	15	Chartwell	41	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	345	+4	7.5	2.7	21.5
601	449	Courtauld Text	545	+18	13.9	3.2	14.9
53½	24	Cupid	31	+2	...	...	...
248½	130	Dawson	150†	+2	...	6.3	11.4
47	22	Drummond	36	...	...	...	...
89	65	Faupel	78†	...	4.9	7.9	12.1
34	15	Foster (John)	27	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	114	...	4.2	4.7	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	244	...	...	2.2	17.3
90	45	Jerome (S)	67	...	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	419	...	12.0	3.6	27.7
515	353½	Leeds	505†	...	...	2.1	17.7
64	15	Lister	53	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	101	+2	...	4.1	...
215	89	Magellan	164	+1	1.4	1.1	...
225	77½	Parkland	225	...	...	0.9	...
102½	82	Readicut	102†	+2	...	4.2	19.2
66	35	SEET	59	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	134	+1	...	5.0	9.3
72	44	Stirling Gp	61†	...	1.9	3.9	16.9
51	35	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	291†	...	11.5	4.9	∞
59	30½	West Trust	43	...	...	7.8	...
265	126	Yorklyde	265	+5	...	2.5	17.4

TOBACCOS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	520	-1	...	4.6	15.6
495	315½	Rothmans	476	+10	...	3.3	15.0

TRANSPORT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
580	349	Assoc Br Ports	570	+4	...	1.9	...
1072	707	BAA	1060†	+15	...	1.9	26.3
123	106	Badgerline	122	...	...	4.2	14.4
493	249	Br Airways	490†	+2	...	2.7	21.9
113	58	Clarkson (H)	99	...	1.7	2.2	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	586	+8	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	77	+4	0.5	0.8	20.7
290	147	IoM Steam	280	+2	...	3.6	15.2
47	24	Jacobs (JI)	47	-1	0.5	1.3	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frs	104	...	...	1.3	19.0
475	264	Mersey Docks	463	...	...	2.4	31.5
271	181	Natl Express	258	+1	...	3.4	26.7
279	218	NFC	279†	+13	...	3.1	21.6
343	244	Ocean Group	322	+3	...	5.5	...
90	40	Ocean Wilson	90	+5	4.0	5.6	16.3
676	504	P & O Dfd	663	+18	...	5.8	35.4
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	156	-2	...	4.4	...
684	448	Powell Duffryn	684	+8	...	4.1	21.7
235	117	Seacon	230	...	5.4	2.9	14.5
176	112	Stagecoach	175	...	...	2.7	21.3
102½	31½	TNT	102½	+1½	...	...	...
863	624	Tibbet & Britn	863	+8	12.6	1.8	33.1
382	37	Tiphook	61½	-3½	...	...	...
303	227	TDG	303	+4	...	3.9	10.0
111	98	Ugland	98	...	...	...	...

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	550†	-4	...	4.7	11.4
355	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	355†	+3	...	3.8	13.1
761	547	Northumbrian	718†	+2	...	4.0	8.4
604	431½	North West	582†	+7	...	4.7	9.6
632	439	Severn Trent	616†	+12	...	4.4	9.5
685	454	Sthrn Water	655†	+3	...	4.3	10.2
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1550	+8	48.5	3.9	11.1
657	465	South West	643†	+1	...	4.7	10.4
598	454	Thames Water	594†	+7	...	4.5	11.6
735	506	Welsh Water	695†	+1	...	4.3	7.0
745	536	Wessex Water	714†	+9	...	3.9	11.4
630	475½	Yorkshire W	610†	+11	...	4.5	10.1

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100†	...	8.48	...
109	101	Treas 14½% 1994	101	...	14.35	5.23
109	101	Exch 13½% 1994	102	...	13.21	5.15
105	101	Treas 10% 1994	101	...	9.82	5.19
110	104	Exch 12½% 1994	104†	...	11.98	5.11
105	102	Treas 9% 1994	102	...	8.72	5.04
111	106	Treas 12% 1995	106†	+	11.23	5.01
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	...	3.06	4.79
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107†	...	9.55	5.11
116	112	Treas 12¾% 1995	112	+	11.29	5.19
120	116	Treas 14% 1996	116†	...	12.03	5.28
125	120	Treas 15¼% 1996	120	...	12.61	5.37
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	+	11.34	5.40
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	+	8.96	5.46
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120†	+	10.96	5.60
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113†	+	9.23	5.57
110	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	110	-	7.95	5.63
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	+	11.47	5.77
114	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	114†	+	8.54	5.74
106	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	105	+	6.85	5.66
106	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	105	-	6.86	5.67
102	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.63	5.25
131	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	130	+	10.75	5.99
140	133	Treas 15½% 1998	139	+	11.13	5.80
126	118	Exch 12% 1998	124	+	9.60	5.96
116	108	Treas 9½% 1999	115	+	8.23	5.88

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	98	Treas 6% 1999	101†	+	5.93	5.36
128	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	127	+	9.63	6.05
121	112	Treas 10½% 1999	120	+	8.71	5.95
121	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	120	+	8.50	6.02
116	106	Conv 9% 2000	115	+	7.82	6.00
136	125	Treas 13% 2000	135	+	9.59	6.25
106	97	Treas 7% 2001	105	+	6.65	6.12
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	121	+	8.26	6.27
123	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	121	+	8.00	6.38
113	97	Treas 8% 2003	112	+	7.14	6.25
127	109	Treas 10% 2003	125	+	7.97	6.39
129	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	128	+	8.96	6.48
86	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	84	+	4.12	5.37
105	97	Treas 6¾% 2004	103	+	6.39	6.22
125	105	Conv 9½% 2004	123	+	7.69	6.41
125	105	Conv 9½% 2005	123	+	7.66	6.44
143	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	141	+	8.82	6.62
111	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	110	+	7.26	6.41
112	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	110	+	6.99	6.45
136	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	134†	+	8.75	6.61
119	97	Treas 8½% 2007	117	+	7.24	6.51
151	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	149	+	9.02	6.63
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	122	+	7.35	6.55

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	92	Treas 8% 2009	113	+	7.06	6.58
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	124	+	7.24	6.60
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	125†	+	7.17	6.59
94	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	91	+	6.01	6.27
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	112†	+	6.87	6.52
117	93	Treas 8% 2013	119	+	6.92	6.56
159	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	156	+1	7.65	6.75
128	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	126	-	6.93	6.54

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	38	War Ln 3½%	52	+	6.63	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	36	+	6.85	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	136	...	...	...
204	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	203	+	1.20	2.09
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112	+	1.39	2.01
178	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	175	+	2.22	2.56
173	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	172	+	2.44	2.72
118	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	117	+	2.45	2.72
184	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	182†	+	2.55	2.76
168	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	166	+	2.73	2.92
179	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	173†	+	2.80	2.96
146	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	144†	+1	2.82	2.97
157	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	154†	+1	2.88	3.02
152	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	150	+1	2.93	3.05
129	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	126	+1	2.93	3.03
128	102	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	120†	+1	2.94	3.05

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Japan Growth 52.12 55.45 - 0.11 ...
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US Smaller Cos 123.00 130.60 - 0.90 ...
(Accum Units) 124.30 132.00 - 0.40 ...
Europe Perf 145.20 153.80 - 1.30 ...
(Accum Units) 150.10 159.00 - 1.10 ...
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French Growth 78.47 83.17 - 1.43 ...
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H Kong & China 107.60 113.60† + 1.60 0.39
Intl Growth 57.96 61.58 - 0.13 0.12
Accum Units 58.25 61.89 - 0.14 0.12
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European 115.30 122.94 - 0.00 ...
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Gilt Yield 128.30 135.30† - 0.30 6.55
(Accum Units) 374.70 395.60 + 1.00 6.55
Global Income 238.70 253.60 + 0.32 3.40
(Accum Units) 526.60 560.20 + 0.53 3.40
High Yield 160.50 170.70† + 0.44 5.03
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(Accum Units) 74.32 79.06 + 0.63 3.12
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(Accum Units) 102.80 109.40 - 0.30 ...
North American 79.85 84.59† + 0.03 0.29
(Accum Units) 97.87 104.10† ... 0.29
European Special 90.28 96.04 + 0.08 1.30
(Accum Units) 94.71 100.86 ... 1.30
European 152.90 162.73† - 0.30 1.21
(Accum Units) 200.10 212.90 - 0.50 1.21
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(Accum Units) 506.90 538.20† + 5.80 2.79
Japan 411.70 438.00 + 2.20 ...
(Accum Units) 416.20 443.80 - 0.20 ...
Japanese Special 240.10 255.40 + 0.90 ...
(Accum Units) 241.10 256.50 + 0.70 ...
Master Accum 257.50 273.90 + 1.70 0.78
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(Accum Units) 418.60 445.30 - 0.30 0.38
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(Accum Units) 159.80 170.00 + 1.70 0.93
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Intl Growth 59.26 63.06 ... 0.68
Japan 63.84 67.91 ... ...
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Japanese 71.41 75.97 - 0.21 ...
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US Index 60.73 64.09† - 0.28 1.64
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Global 104.80 112.10 - 0.20 0.61
European 89.55 95.78 - 0.26 0.81
Japan 107.80 115.30 - 0.10 ...
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-do- Acc 65.59 69.05 - 0.14 0.85
Extra Inc 277.60 295.40 - 0.80 3.19
-do- Acc 696.00 740.50 - 2.20 3.19
German Gth 117.60 123.80 - 1.30 0.16
-do- Acc 123.40 129.90 - 1.40 0.16
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Income Port 546.70 581.70 + 3.30 3.47
-do- Acc 560.80 596.70 + 3.30 3.47
Japan Growth 99.96 106.40 + 0.30 ...
-do- Acc 100.40 106.90 + 0.40 ...
Master Trust 61.55 65.48 + 0.36 0.91
-do- Acc 67.75 72.08 + 0.39 0.91
N American Gen 201.50 214.40 - 1.00 ...
-do- Acc 232.70 247.60 - 1.20 ...
NAm Sm Co Rec 150.80 160.50 ... ...
-do- Acc 153.90 163.80 ... ...
Pacific Basin 306.20 325.80 + 1.80 0.24
-do- Acc 323.30 344.20 + 1.80 0.24
Small Cos Rec 360.70 379.70 + 2.80 2.02
-do- Acc 473.80 498.80 + 3.80 2.02
UK Growth 91.32 97.15† + 0.31 1.80
-do- Acc 108.60 115.60 + 0.20 1.80
Worldwide Gth 337.80 359.40 + 0.10 0.09
-do- Acc 498.30 530.20 + 0.20 0.09

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High Income 30.80 32.60† + 0.30 4.09
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Japan 54.03 57.36 - 0.06 ...
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Cash 101.00 101.00 ... 5.07
(Accum Units)* 132.70 132.70 + 0.10 5.07
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(Accum Units) 262.50 278.40 - 0.30 0.62
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(Accum Units) 110.30 116.80† - 0.20 2.73
General 554.20 590.80 + 5.20 2.05
(Accum Units) 1061 1130 + 9.00 2.05
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(Accum Units) 155.30 163.20 - 0.20 5.62
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US Eq Ind Trk Inc 202.30 214.50 - 0.90 1.33
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Equity Income 108.50 111.50† - 1.50 4.08
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Global Bond 50.24 50.80 - 0.05 5.75
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Smaller Cos 85.45 90.91 + 0.31 1.32
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Oseas Dist 1021.4 1092.4 - 0.70 0.30
UK Dist 367.50 393.00 + 1.80 2.53
UK Extra Inc Dist 82.05 87.75 + 0.34 3.78
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UK Equity Grth Inc 63.11 66.61 + 0.73 1.55
UK General Inc 62.09 65.53 + 0.41 1.86
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Growth 131.92 140.35 + 1.12 1.55
Intrepid 125.77 131.02 ... 1.70

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UK Smaller Cos 127.39 135.52† + 0.84 1.47
UK Equity Growth 138.57 147.42 + 0.46 2.32
UK Index 149.45 158.99 + 0.66 3.03
Intl Index Trckg 142.44 151.53 - 0.37 1.03
International 236.50 251.60 - 0.28 0.59
European 177.49 188.82 - 1.15 0.50
Pan European 128.67 136.88 - 0.32 1.35
Nth American 164.55 175.05 - 0.94 0.53
N Amer Smlr Cos 185.19 197.01 + 0.81 ...
Japanese 90.77 96.56 - 0.02 ...
Pacific 250.43 266.42† - 1.72 0.10
South East Asian 280.51 298.42 + 2.53 0.26
Intl Bond 138.04 146.85† - 0.22 4.25
Gilt & Convertible 116.64 124.08† + 0.23 7.91
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UK Growth Inc 93.99 100.53 + 0.49 2.24
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Worldwide Inc 167.60 180.50 - 0.10 0.68
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Swiss Equities Inc 67.20 72.14 + 0.37 0.33
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Nth Amer Gth 119.70 127.30 - 0.70 ...
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Equity 776.64 830.63 + 4.46 2.25
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FA Asia 58.09 62.27 + 0.48 ...
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Japanese 55.28 58.18 - 0.19 ...
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Gilt 89.58 94.29 - 0.08 ...
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Ryl Life Intl Gwth 68.09 72.72 + 0.20 0.33
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Japan Smaller 186.90 198.80 - 2.30 ...
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Smaller Cos Inc 262.50 279.30 + 2.00 3.31
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Gilt & Fixed Int 58.71 61.89 + 0.12 6.64
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Japan Smllr Cos 467.86 499.05† - 0.01 ...
Japan Enterprise 66.04 70.44 - 0.32 ...
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Tokyo 112.67 120.18 - 0.56 ...
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UK Equity 256.08 273.15† + 2.24 2.22
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World Fd 84.25 89.86 + 0.36 1.71
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Far Eastern 177.10 187.30 - 0.50 ...
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Oseas Lrg Co Acc 308.00 334.20 - 0.10 1.15
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Computers help crime busters

Chief Superintendent John Lilley, a divisional commander with Devon and Cornwall police, says of police work: "At the end of each year, whether right or wrong, we get judged on the crime clear-up rate." By that standard alone, Mr Lilley's patch, which includes Exeter, is showing a bonus from the computerisation of its crime information systems.

Last year the detection rate soared to at least 34 per cent, from 20.7 per cent the year before. Computerised systems as a first step were followed by bringing in facilities management professionals from outside to run them.

Devon and Cornwall police chose McDonnell Information Systems (MDIS), based at Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire. A £3.3 million contract was awarded to MDIS in early 1993. Earlier the force had asked MDIS to develop a



Chief Supt. John Lilley

crime system from one already being used by police in West Yorkshire.

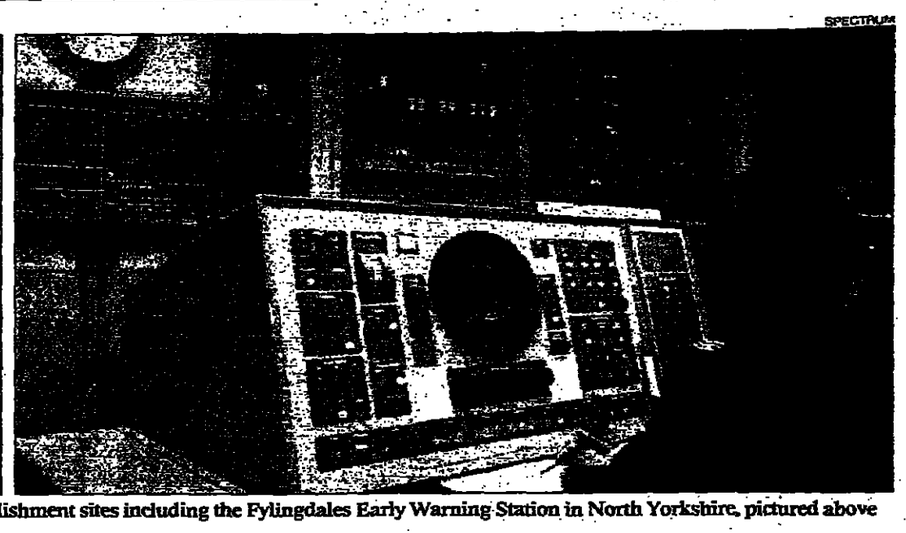
The force is also the first to turn to DTELS to manage its radio systems. DTELS is the director of telecommunications operation, run by the Home Office, which is shortly to be privatised.

Mr Lilley says: "It enables the whole process of crime detection to be speeded up. We now work at the same pace as the criminal."

DEREK HARRIS

Rodney Hobson reports on the challenges of contracting for the Defence Ministry after the break up of the PSA





SPECTRUM

Serco, supplier of facilities management services to the MoD, has a presence at 150 military establishment sites including the Fylingdales Early Warning Station in North Yorkshire, pictured above

Gunning for contracts

Old colleagues are competitors as companies vie to maintain Ministry of Defence premises scattered around the country. The break up of the old PSA, the government body that ran buildings and services in the public sector, has brought opportunities but greater competition for facilities management companies in the private sector.

The PSA had two main functions. Its projects team was sold off in one piece to Tarmac, the construction-civil engineering group. Estates and building management was, however, split last year into five regional components that will increasingly find themselves fighting each other for contracts that come up for renewal.

It has been the biggest shake-up in the 600 years that the PSA and its predecessors have ministered to the needs of the MoD or its equivalent. As Bob Crawley, commercial sales and marketing director of one of the PSA's successors says, "It was carrying out facilities management before the term was invented".

Mr Crawley is with the largest of the ex-PSA operations, Building and Property Facilities Management (BPFM), formed by a joint venture between AMEC, the international engineering and construction group, and Pell Frischmann, an international consulting engineer. Its last formal link with the public sector goes in two months' time when it moves out of St Christopher's House in Southwark, south London, which it shares with the Transport Ministry. BPFM took over more than 200 MoD sites throughout the South East and South West.

Another leading supplier of services to the MoD is Serco. It picked up the Scottish regions of the PSA to add to contracts it already held in armed forces establishments such as Fylingdales, the early warning station in North Yorkshire famous for its domes.

Serco now has a presence at 150 MoD sites, supplying full facilities management on about half, and MoD work accounts for about 40 per cent of Serco's business.

Providers of facilities management to the MoD are responsible for a wide range of sites used by the Army, Navy and RAF, including civilian as well as military establishements. Work can include the organisation, procurement and management of routine maintenance and minor new works, dealing with unforeseen maintenance tasks, designing, making and operating mechanical and electrical equipment and providing an emergency call-out service.



DES JENSEN

George Gray, Serco's chairman, with a business enterprise award

Few, if any, sites are not sensitive areas. Even non-military establishments connected with the armed forces have been the subject of the unwelcome attentions of the IRA. That means a tough attitude to recruitment.

George Gray, chairman of Serco, says: "All staff have to be individually approved by the ministry." He and Mr Crawley agree, though, that they have found no difficulty in attracting suitable recruits. One reason is probably that the slimming-down of the PSA before privatisation created a pool of surplus labour with experience of working on MoD contracts.

MoD contracts are generally issued for periods of up to five years and as time goes on, more that were automatically placed with the PSA will come up for open competition.

Mr Crawley says: "This will enable us to spread nationwide as we compete for contracts outside our old boundaries. Although much of our work came with us when the PSA was broken up, we have already won some contracts in open competition."

Dr Gray says that because his company had already been part of the private sector it has a longer history of winning MoD contracts the hard way. He adds: "We have provided services at Fylingdales for more than 30 years and we have had to compete for the contract repeatedly. It has always been a rule that MoD contracts have to be retendered. We have consistently been successful and most of the business we have won has been long-term and large-scale."

Facilities managers are following the debate on armed forces spending and cutbacks under the peace dividend with particular interest.

"Our main concern is not the number of contracts available but whether spending on each site will be cut," Mr Crawley says. "On the other hand, some sites are being built up and any troops brought back from Germany will have to be rehoused."

Dr Gray points out: "We gather that outsourcing does seem to be producing significant cost savings for the MoD. This has been achieved with at least a similar level of quality. We believe that in some cases the quality of service provided has been improved with a reduction in costs.

"This is because an outside facilities management team has a different approach from in-house staff. The provision of services is what we are all about and an individual's career with us depends on it. In-house teams are often seen as support staff and not part of the mainstream operation."

Mr Crawley says: "We recognised some time ago with the MoD's market testing programme that we had to demonstrate how to provide much more value for money. You would expect that as budgets have been squeezed."

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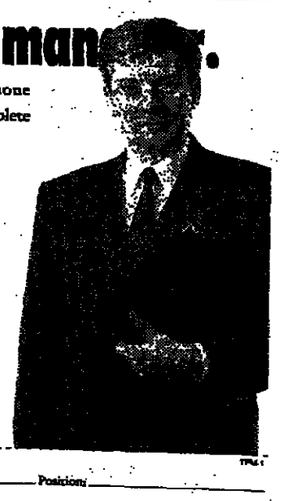
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Improvements in company catering can save on both time and costs

An in-house sandwich delicatessen, aimed to outgun anything else of its kind in the London Docklands neighbourhood, has been designed for the City headquarters of CS First Boston Bank, at Cabot Square, near Canary Wharf, *writes Derek Harris.*

Fergus Stapleton, the ex-Compass design consultant who set up Ferro Design in 1985, says his concept for the delicatessen proved a hit in winning custom from the bank's employees.

A constantly updated international menu to suit the many nationalities represented on the bank's trading floor was one feature. It also opens early to cope with dawn trading.

Mr Stapleton said: "There is a staff restaurant but a lot of people were going down the road to get a quick sandwich. This is a typical situation. Going out takes more time, a waste for everybody. It's also a matter of supplying better choice so that everybody is happier."

At the new deli counter quality and style are the watchwords, according to Mr Stapleton. ARA, the UK arm of one of the leading American caterers, spices things up with transatlantic touches, including baseball caps worn by its staff.

Bowring, the insurance broker which is the international arm of US-based Marsh & McLennan, decided to rationalise its old-fashioned catering arrangements for a "campus" of eight City buildings. John Reed, controller of central services, said: "We had three different caterers and some dated rooms. It needed new thinking."

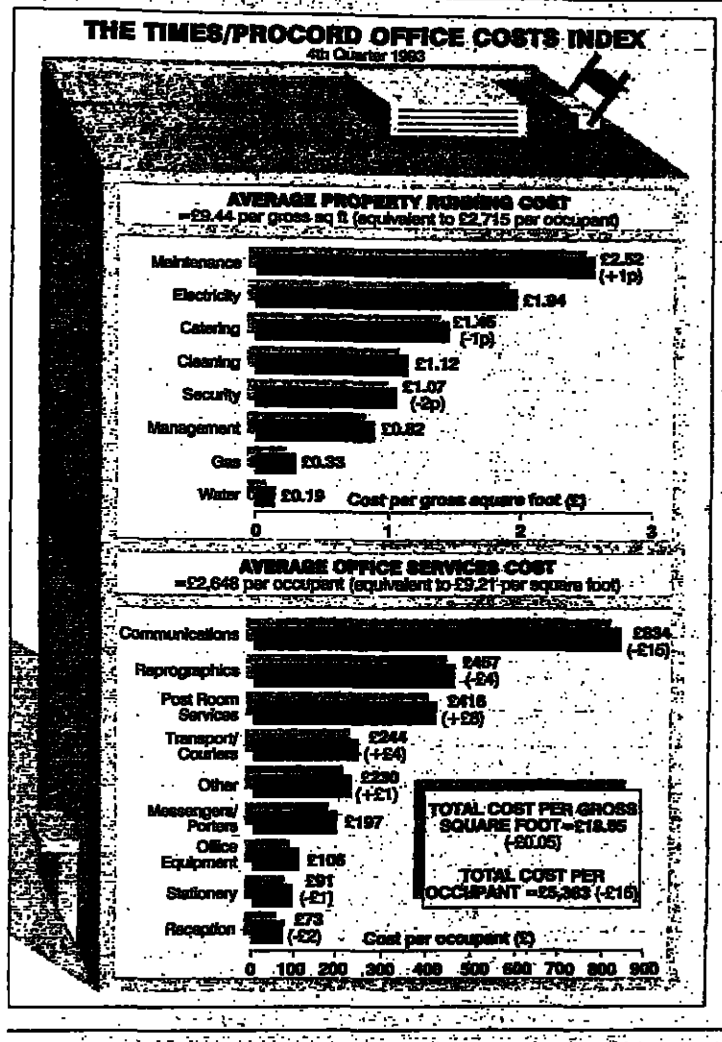
The decision was a watershed for BET Catering Services, Bowring's choice as facilities manager for catering.

BET, one of the largest organisations in facilities management in Britain, had been able to offer most services in the sector but not catering. So the right people were recruited and in three years BET Catering Services, headed by Jim Walker as managing director, has gone from a staff of three to 6,000 and a £40 million turnover. It claims to be market leader in school meals and it has more than 70 commercial contracts.

Its strength is fixed price contracts — where the caterer takes on the risks, and should they be there, reaps the rewards. The catering portfolio for Bowring ranges from servicing flats overlooking the Thames at Sugar Quay to a restaurant and bar snacks for a staff of 2,000.



Design consultant Fergus Stapleton says the delicatessen proved a hit with bank employees



Cost saving balances the books

Prices may see-saw, but budgets are still at last year's levels, says Derek Harris

Reduced business costs caused by new technology and fierce competition are more than offsetting rises in wages and increased charges for supplies of material. The result generally is that, in facilities management, 1994 budgets are being pitched at 1993 cash levels. That means in real terms, taking account of inflation, that this year's budgets are being cut by nearly 1.5 per cent compared with 1993.

This emerges from the latest *The Times*/Procord Office Costs Index covering the final quarter of 1993. Procord is a leading facilities management company offering a total service capability.

Adam Burstow, the facilities costs consultant who conducts the Procord analyses, says: "There is a range of cost influences both up and down in the various sectors although they appear largely to be balancing each other."

Office costs per gross square foot have thus gone down slightly overall — by 0.3 per cent — to £18.65.

Any costs change in communications has a big impact because it is by far the biggest single expense. These costs declined nearly 2 per cent and are now running at £834 for each office occupant.

The next biggest facilities management expense is on reprographics at £457 per occupant (down almost 1 per cent), followed by postroom services at £416 (up 2 per cent).

Post-room service expenses jumped with the recent increase in postal rates, although this has been partially offset by a shift in many organisations towards the greater use of second-class post. Transport and courier service costs are up a little, affected mainly by fuel price rises.

Material supply costs, affecting general maintenance, are rising in line with inflation. However, with so many suppliers having gone out of business, the survivors are finding that they are able to get some price increases through, Mr Burstow suggests.

Labour rates are also up in line with inflation although there is some offsetting influence because productivity is up. Increased use of multi-skilled operatives is mainly generating greater efficiency, justifying better pay. Maintenance contractors' overheads appear to have been trimmed slightly.

Paper price reductions — by up to 3 per cent in the past 12 months — have helped bring cost cuts in both reprographics and stationery. Although photocopier rentals have remained fairly stable, intense manufacturer competition means that on re-tendering there are chances of making a cash saving, Mr Burstow said.

Catering is showing signs of change, with many companies looking for cost-saving opportunities. This is despite slight increases generally in food prices. Security costs, surprisingly, have dropped by 2 per cent to £1.07 a gross square foot. Tendered hourly rates for London security guards seem to have dropped slightly in the second half of 1993 from about £3.90 to about £3.75.

The communications sector can yield "fairly big savings", according to Mr Burstow. He added: "It does mean time and effort have to be invested in looking for them." Mercury has stepped up competitive pressures against BT, claiming to be more cost effective in long distance and international communication. It has signed up many big companies. Specialists working direct with telephone cable companies claim reductions of up to 15 per cent on BT and Mercury prices.

It is also possible to buy services in bulk from the many big organisations with private lines networks. These are for communications between an organisation's various locations around the country using lines permanently leased from BT.

Mr Burstow said: "There are significant savings from the very simple business of checking bills rigorously." Call loggers can help establish mistakes in destination, duration and tariff. An audit in one government office revealed an overcharge of £175,000 — later recovered — on rental equipment stretching back four years.

● *The Procord index is compiled from more than 100 large offfice properties across the UK. It does not include location, rent, rates, service charges, insurance, depreciation or VAT*

A change of identity

THE British Institute of Facilities Management (BIFM) was launched this month with more than 2,400 members. It is a new identity for the ruling professional body created from the merger of the Association of Facilities Managers and the Institute of Facilities Management.

Marilyn Standley, BIFM's first chairman, says: "I feel sure that this identity will help us in the task of promoting professional facilities management and the skills and qualities it requires."

The BIFM is now working on a professional qualifications structure, details of which are likely to be announced soon. BIFM is also expanding its network of regional centres.

EC rethink

DIRECTIVES covering terms of employment when a company changes hands are being reconsidered by the European Commission to see whether they apply to the outsourcing of services in the public sector.

The British government, encouraged by private contractors, are pressing for exemption to the rules that prevent a new employer from cutting wages or imposing demands such as longer working hours. Court cases in the UK have produced conflicting interpretations of the rules.

In a separate develoment, five trade unions representing 550 former public sector employees have issued writs against David Hunt, the Employment Secretary, claiming the Government failed to implement properly the 1977 EC directive on the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment), known as Tupe.

Diary date

THIS year's Facilities Management Conference, which will run alongside the 1994 Facilities Management Exhibition at London's Olympia from March 8 to 10, will look at a range of key industry issues as well as implications of current government policies.

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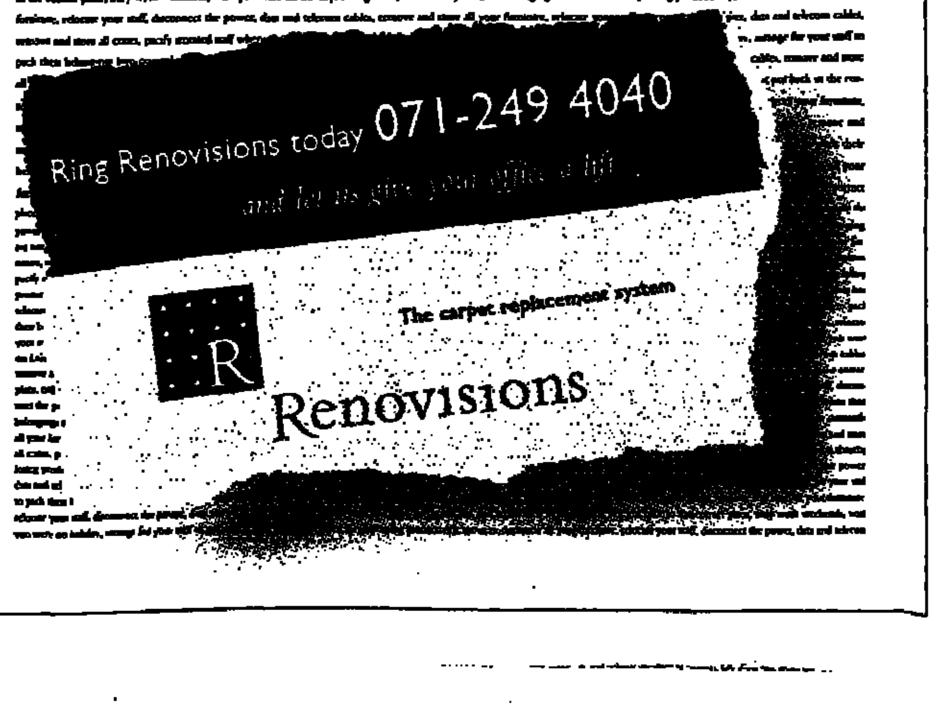
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Court of Appeal — Law Report January 19 1994 — Chancery Division

Withdrawing medical treatment

Frenchay Healthcare NHS Trust v S

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment January 14]

Where a health authority applied to the court in great urgency for a declaration that it might refrain from providing life-saving emergency surgery for a patient diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state, the court would not refuse the declaration solely on the ground that it had not been possible to obtain independent medical opinions on the patient's behalf or that the full investigative procedure envisaged in such cases could not be adopted in such a pressurised time-scale.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the Official Solicitor on behalf of S, an adult unconscious patient, from Mr Justice Swinton Thomas who, on January 13, had granted an application by the Frenchay Healthcare NHS Trust for a declaration that it and its physicians might lawfully refrain from renewing medical support measures designed to keep S alive in his existing state.

S, who was aged 24, had taken a large overdose of drugs in June 1991. He was removed to hospital in a state of deep unconsciousness and had suffered acute and extreme brain damage. In October 1991 he was transferred to a rehabilitation unit and placed in the care of his present consultant, the main witness on the application.

In June 1993 S could no longer be fed satisfactorily by a nasogastric tube and an operation took place to insert a tube into his stomach. On January 10, 1994 the feeding tube had become dislodged so that if further feeding were to be undertaken, a replacement tube would have to be inserted by surgery.

The trust supported its application to the judge with medical reports from the consultant in charge of S's case and from three other medical specialists who had seen S periodically. The Official Solicitor was represented on the application but, given the pressure of time, no independent evidence was adduced by him.

Mr James Munby, QC, who did not appear below, for the Official Solicitor; Mr Adrian Palmer QC for the trust.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeal, which was necessarily brought at very short notice, raised an acute dilemma: whether the trust should in effect be given leave not to embark on a surgical procedure, with the result that within a matter of days S would die.

The consultant's decision was that surgery should not take place; that if the tube were reinserted and feeding resumed it would enable S's body to survive but there was no chance of that being to his benefit, that reinsertion would be a criminal act as being done against his best interests; that without reinsertion death would follow within a limited period, but that there was no reason to suppose that lack of sustenance would cause suffering or ill effect.

His Lordship referred in detail to the medical evidence from the consultant and from the three other specialists who had seen S periodically.

The consultant had recorded that since the time of S's transfer to the rehabilitation unit there had been no improvement in his brain function and in his ability to communicate or do anything independently, that there was no evidence that S had a conscious self and that the technical label for his brain damage was persistent vegetative state (PVS).

In his report he had recorded support for his decision not to reinsert the tube from, among others, S's mother and the nurses involved in his care.

His Lordship considered it unnecessary, in view of *Airedale NHS Trust v Bland* ([1993] AC 789), to describe PVS in detail. That was an extreme case of PVS, where there was no hope of recovery, no division of medical opinion and the ethical guidelines before the court all pointed one way; nevertheless there had been widespread concern as to the implications of such a decision.

His Lordship referred to the courts' concern in that case that their judgments should not be misunderstood or misapplied. Accordingly various principles were laid down to try to prevent abuse and to reassure the public:

1 That those seeking discontinuance of treatment in the same situation as in *Bland* were, at any rate in the short term, to apply to the court for declaratory relief;

2 That such applications should be preceded by full investigation with an opportunity for the Official Solicitor, representing the unconscious patient, to explore the situation fully, to obtain independent medical opinions of his own, and to ensure that all proper material was before the court;

3 The court made plain that the decision in *Bland* was to be understood as strictly applying to the situation in that case and no other: it was emphasised that the judges were not to be taken as approving cases falling outside that factual situation.

In the present case the first criterion had been satisfied and despite the compressed time-table it had been possible for the trust to apply, to put in medical reports and opinions and to enable the court to consider the matter.

However, cases would arise from time to time where that procedure was not practicable: where an acute emergency required a decision to be taken within minutes or at most hours. In that situation it was of course impossible for the doctors to be obliged, or to be able to come to court. The present case was not within that category.

Mr Munby's first submission was that the procedure which had been adopted here had deprived S and his representative of a fair and full opportunity to explore the matter fully and ensure that all relevant material was before the court.

His Lordship said that inevitably there was a measure of truth in that. If the court allowed the appeal, maybe the operation would be performed and then a full investigation could be undertaken on a *Bland* application in some months' time.

However, the court should not regard that consideration as conclusive. Just as in some situations no application could be made at all, in others, where application could be made, it was not possible to present the application in the same leisurely way as in a case where there was no pressure of time at all.

It was important to take note of the submission and look very critically at the material before the court but it would not be right to allow the appeal simply on the basis that there had not been an opportunity on S's behalf for a full exploration of the facts which in other circumstances would be desirable.

Mr Munby's second submission was that on the face of the trust's own evidence there was reason to question the diagnosis of PVS, thus raising doubts as to the true comparability, for legal purposes, of S's case with *Bland*. That was important because the court in *Bland* had stated that its decision applied only to those facts.

From the four medical reports it was plain that the evidence here was not as emphatic or unanimous as that in *Bland*. In his Lordship's view that caused the court to look at it critically and anxiously.

In particular the court had to ask itself whether the respects in which the evidence was not the same threw doubt on the decision taken by the consultant which the court was invited to approve.

In his Lordship's opinion there appeared to be very little doubt, particularly in the evidence of those doctors who knew S best, that he was in PVS, that he had no hope of recovery and had no cognitive capacity. The evidence presented S as a person who had no conscious being at all.

That being the case, in the acute emergency that had arisen the court should not therefore attach great weight to the points of distinction raised with *Bland*.

His Lordship rejected Mr Munby's third submission that the judge erred in attaching too much importance to the doctors' judgment as to what was in S's best interests, when the House of Lords in *Bland* had left open the question whether the judgment was finally to be made by the doctors or by the court.

Mr Munby had submitted that in the last resort the judgment had to be made by the court with great regard to the opinions of responsible medical men.

The judge had paid great attention to what had been said on the subject by the House of Lords in *Bland*, and expressed the view that the consultant's conclusion was reasonable and *bona fide*. He had regarded the doctors' judgments as being fully in accord with the criteria which the House of Lords had laid down.

His Lordship reserved to the court the ultimate power and duty to review the doctor's decision in the light of all the facts. In a case such as the present the question to be asked was clear: what was in S's best interests? The answer had been expressed in the very clear opinion of the consultant who had full knowledge of S for over two years; that opinion was shared by a number of other doctors and no medical opinion contradicted it.

His Lordship had no reason to question that answer. He agreed with the judge and would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Waite delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Official Solicitor; Lawrence Tuckerts, Bristol.

Pub lease condition not satisfied

Little v Courage Ltd

Before Mr Justice Ferris.

[Judgment December 21]

A covenant to grant a new lease for five years was unenforceable because it depended upon a condition precedent, that the parties should have agreed on a fresh business plan and a fresh business agreement, which had not been satisfied.

Mr Justice Ferris so held in the Chancery Division when deciding a preliminary point in favour of the defendant, Courage Ltd, in an action brought by the plaintiff, Mr James Leslie Little, tenant of a public house, The Alexandra, 16 Stafford Street, Norwich.

Mr Nicholas Patten, QC and Mr Graham Sinclair for Mr Little; Mr Kim Lewison, QC and Mr Martin Rodger for Courage.

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that the same or a similar question arose in regard to some 250 other leases granted by Courage.

On August 1, 1986 the plaintiff and Courage had executed a five-year lease and business agreement. On the same day the parties signed a business plan.

By clause 13 of the lease, the plaintiff agreed to comply in all respects with the business agreement and to purchase beer and liquor from Courage or its nominated suppliers and not from other parties except as permitted by the business agreement.

His obligations under the business agreement were to use his best endeavours to develop and maintain the business, to meet Courage's representatives as and when required to discuss implementation of the business plan and to try to reach the target volume of sales.

The business plan dealt with overall business strategy, which in the present case was to re-establish The Alexandra as the main public house in the area by various methods, including fostering the catering side and holding darts tournaments, quiz evenings and so on.

Clause 26 of the lease contained an option to renew for a further five years on certain conditions, which included that the plaintiff should have (a) paid all rent and moneys due, (b) purchased the required barrelage of beer and gallonage of liquor, (c) was not more than 60 years of age, (d) have agreed on a further business plan and a further business agreement, and (e) given notice of his wish to exercise the option not more than 12 and not less than six months before the end of the term.

If those conditions were met, then Courage would grant a further term of five years "at a rent to be determined in manner hereinafter provided and subject in all respects to the same obligations and stipulations as are herein contained except this clause for renewal, but with the substitution of [Courage's then] current lists for beers and for liquors".

On August 8, 1990, within the prescribed period, the plaintiff gave notice of his wish for a further lease. All the conditions were satisfied except that there had been no attempt to reach a further business agreement or further business plan, nor was any attempt made later.

On February 11, 1991 Courage put forward a new rent for consideration, but soon afterwards changed its position. On June 24, 1991 Grand Metropolitan Estates Ltd, as Courage's managing agent, wrote offering a "20 year Imntrepreneur lease", giving statutory security, but saying a five-year renewal was not possible because as from November 1, 1992 Courage had to comply with obligations imposed by the Government under the Supply of Beer (Tied Estate) Order (SI 1989 No 2258) and undertakings to the Office of Fair Trading. Such a grant would mean that Courage would be acting unlawfully.

Courage refused to enter negotiations for a new business plan or agreement. The plaintiff therefore issued a writ, claiming a declaration and specific performance of an implied obligation to take reasonable steps with a view to agreeing a further business plan and business agreement.

The preliminary issue was whether Courage, having refused to negotiate, was entitled to refuse a new lease in accordance with clause 26, on the ground that the condition in sub-clause (1)(c) had not been satisfied.

Viewed in isolation clause 26 was a unilateral contract, so the court's approach had to be in accord with what Lord Justice Diplock had said in *United Dominion Trust (Commercial) Ltd v Eagle Aircraft Services Ltd* ([1968] 1 WLR 74) in regard to what he described as an "if" contract, that a unilateral contract did not give rise to immediate obligations on either party, except to refrain from putting it out of his power to perform his undertaking in the future. An obligation to perform would only arise on the occurrence of the event specified.

For Courage it was argued that the only answer to the question whether the event had occurred was "No", because no further business plan or agreement had been reached.

It would not be right to imply an obligation into a unilateral contract in advance of the time when it would be converted into a bilateral one. *Walford v Miles* ([1922] 2 AC 128) was relied upon. There the House of Lords had held that a suggested collateral agreement and implied term lacked the necessary certainty and were thus unenforceable.

It was inherent in that decision that the court would not imply an uncertain and unenforceable term. Lord Ackner had said that either party could withdraw from negotiations at any time and for any reason.

In *Thompson v ASDA* ([1988] Ch 241) Mr Justice Scott had considered a proposition that a party could not rely on his own acts to defeat a condition precedent.

Mr Patten argued that although condition (c) had not been satisfied, that was due to Courage's breach of the implied term, but his Lordship did not see how that justified a conclusion that condition (c) was to be treated as satisfied.

If that were right the plaintiff would be entitled to a new lease without having agreed a new business agreement or plan. All he would be entitled to was damages. But if an appropriate term could be formulated there was no reason why it should not be implied. Otherwise Courage could stultify the option by simply refusing to agree.

The crucial question was what if any implication was to be made. Terms suggested were that Courage would "not prevent the fulfilment by the plaintiff of the conditions" or the it would "take all reasonable steps to reach agreement" but those were unacceptable as being nothing more than an agreement to negotiate, which would run foul of *Walford v Miles*.

A third suggestion was that Courage should "produce and offer to enter into ... a new business agreement" either in the same terms as before, or in a "form to be determined by [Courage] acting reasonably". But clause 26 expressly required the making of a new agreement.

The term suggested was not one the parties would have regarded as obvious if suggested by an officious bystander in 1986. The plaintiff was unlikely to have been meant to have to take whatever Courage offered for the condition to be satisfied.

The words "acting reasonably" were probably inserted to meet that improbability, but the words themselves introduced a fatal element of uncertainty. How could the court tell if Courage was "acting reasonably"?

The cases of *Sudbrook Trading Estate v Eggleton* ([1983] 1 AC 444) and *Mackay v Dick* ([1881] 6 App Cas 251) were referred to but they related to bilateral contracts, and his Lordship felt bound, regretfully, to declare that Courage was entitled to refuse to grant a renewal of the lease for a further five years.

Solicitors: Greenland Houchen, Norwich; Masons.

Receivers bound by clause

In re Leyland Daf Ltd (No 2)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Henry and Sir Roger Parker

[Judgment December 21]

An exclusive jurisdiction clause in an agreement between Leyland Daf Ltd and their hauliers that required any disputes to be dealt with by the Dutch courts precluded an order being made by the High Court under section 234 of the Insolvency Act 1986 for new, unsold vehicles being stored by the hauliers to be handed over to Leyland's receivers.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the joint administrative receivers of Leyland Daf Ltd from the judgment of Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, on May 28, 1993 refusing, *inter alia*, to make an order for delivery up of vehicles retained by the hauliers, Edcrest Ltd.

Where an administration order had been made in relation to a company then by section 234(2) of the 1986 Act: "Where any person has in his possession or control any property ... to which the company appears to be entitled, the court may require that person forthwith ... to transfer the property to the [administrators]."

Mr Anthony Mann, QC and Mr Peter Arden for the receivers; Mr Mark R. P. Barnes, QC and Miss Fay Stockton for the hauliers.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the Vice-Chancellor had made an order staying all proceedings in an application by the receivers against the hauliers in favour of proceedings in The Netherlands.

The basis of that decision was that Leyland and the hauliers were parties to an agreement containing an exclusive jurisdiction clause within article 17 of the Convention on Jurisdiction and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, signed at Brussels in September 1968 and incorporated into English law by section 2 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, and that the receivers were bound by it no less than Leyland. Thereunder any dispute as to the hauliers' right to retain vehicles had to be resolved by the Dutch court.

The question arose as to whether the receivers could say that they, unlike Leyland, were not bound by the jurisdiction clause. If they were so bound, their application for delivery up of vehicles retained by the hauliers was as much liable to be stayed under article 17 as an application by Leyland itself.

That question depended on section 234 of the 1986 Act. But property recoverable under subsection (2) was confined to property "to which the company appears to be entitled".

Although in *In re London Iron & Steel Co Ltd* ([1990] BCLC 372) it was held by Mr Justice Warner that the court had power to determine whether the company was entitled to the property or not, it could have no such power where, as here, that question has been referred to a foreign court.

Unless and until the Dutch court had determined that the hauliers had no right of retention under Dutch law, it could not be said that Leyland appeared to be entitled to the vehicles which it was sought to recover. The receivers were as much bound by the exclusive jurisdiction clause as was Leyland. At present no relief could be granted to the receivers.

Lord Justice Henry and Sir Roger Parker agreed.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert.

Correction

In *Galoo and Others v Bright Grahame Murray* (*The Times* January 14) the solicitors for the defendants were Squire & Co.

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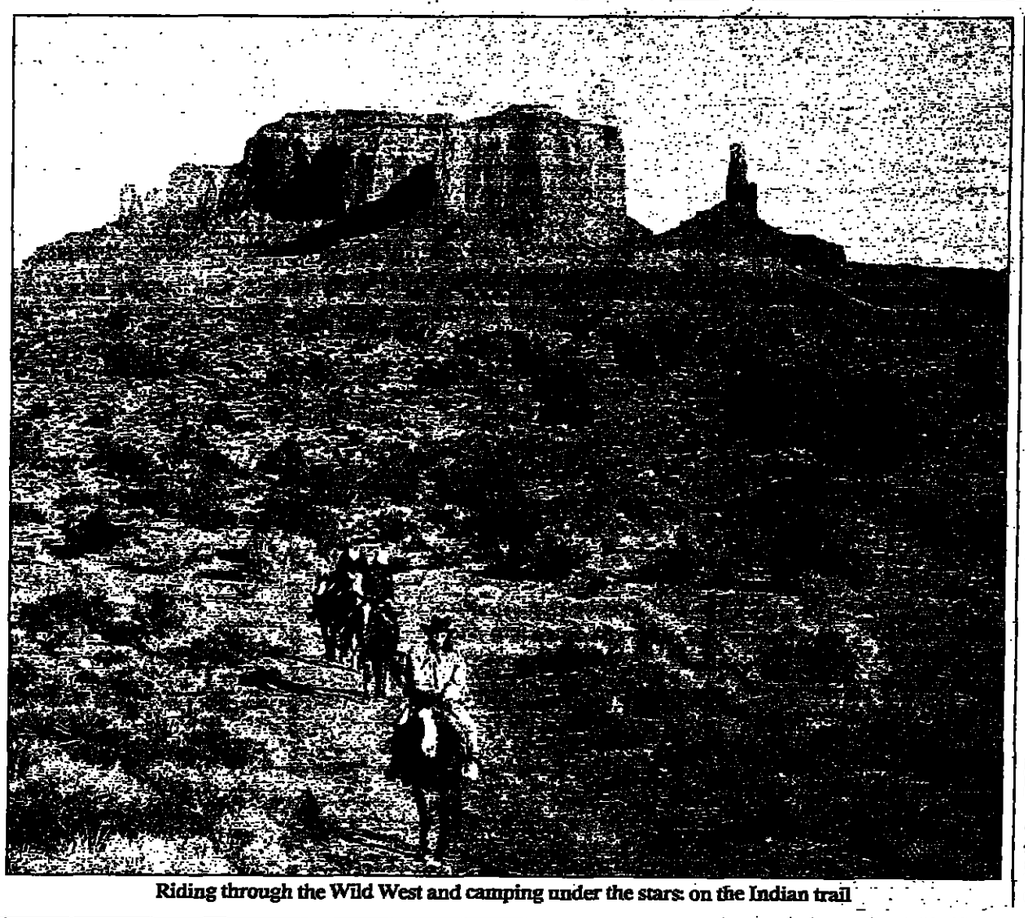
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A classic case for going pop

Will a glamorous awards gala devised by Bob Geldof win new fans for classical music?

It's worth a try, argues **Richard Morrison**

In nearly every respect 1993 was a miserable year for classical music. For every small plus, there was a monstrous minus. Yes, the London orchestras were saved. But that fiasco revealed muddle and deceit on a Gogol-like scale within our arts funding bodies. Yes, it is wonderful that Classic FM is continuing to win such high audience figures. But the millions of new classical listeners are not doing the two things that would make them useful to musicians, as opposed to radio advertising salesmen: buying records and going to concerts.

Classical record sales are obstinately static, the odd Gorecki or Three Tenors phenomenon notwithstanding. Box-office figures at many major classical venues are in decline. You might even argue that the stream of non-stop classical music now available on Classic FM and Radio 3 actually sublimates, rather than intensifies, the listeners' urge to buy a record or a concert ticket. The recession does not help either, of course.

And yes, it is admirable that a new generation of composers, administrators and educationalists recognises the crucial need to restore living composers to the centre of musical life — just as they were in Monteverdi's day, in Mozart's day, in Tchaikovsky's day, in everybody's day except our day. And composers with the technique and temperament to touch the hearts of listeners are back in fashion; that is a good thing, too. The preposterous era of "who cares if you listen?" composition (to quote the title of a notorious magazine article by Milton Babbitt, the American computer-music guru) appears to have gone for ever.

But what good is this sea-change in attitude, if the apparatus of musical education in Britain is being steadily dismantled? Not deliberately dismantled, perhaps; there are some daft politicians around, but surely none crass enough to say "we have this superb county youth orchestra, so let's think up ways of killing it off". Dismantled, rather, as an unforeseen by-product of upheavals in the curriculum, in the management of schools, and in local-authority budgets.

These changes have marginalised music teaching, squeezed its funding, and made the music specialist in state schools almost as rare a sight as a Latin teacher. Where are the informed classical enthusiasts of tomorrow going to come from?

That is *the* big question. If you want to observe a Doomsday scenario, look across the Atlantic. Music education in America is much closer to extinction than it is here; symphony and opera audiences are getting greyer by the year; and there simply won't be a classical audience tomorrow — except, perhaps, in one or two East Coast cities. In this country, the danger has at least been recognised, even if the response so far is slow and uncoordinated. Two initiatives here show very different approaches to the problem of breaking down classical music's "exclusive" image.

The first is the televising this weekend of the Classical Music Awards 1994. The very concept must make the cognoscenti shudder. My dear, the noise, the people, the *categories*. Personality of the Year? Ugh. What would Sir Thomas Beecham have said about such Madison Avenue babble invading the sacred art?

What's more, the unlikely bedfellows behind this event must give even well-disposed purists a twinge of concern. Bob Geldof, the Boomtown Rat turned Live Aid supremo, devised the awards, along with the Irish television producer Ultan Guilfoyle. Melvyn Bragg has been lured onto the BBC to co-host the event with the personable percussionist Evelyn Glennie. Harvey Goldsmith, the pop promoter who brought us Pavarotti in Hyde Park and a string of "stadium operas", is staging the thing in the Albert Hall.

> 'The very concept of classical awards must horrify the cognoscenti'

The jury is chaired by Andreas Whittam Smith, whose attempts to keep *The Independent* afloat apparently still allow him time to judge the merits of musicians spread across four continents. And sponsorship for the awards comes from a Japanese hi-fi firm, Kenwood. They, at least, must be convinced of the event's worth: they are investing an estimated £500,000 in this one-night jamboree.

But will these would-be musical Oscars be beneficial for classical music in general? Guilfoyle maintains that the awards format is the only one that guarantees classical music a prime-time slot on television across the world. Even the Proms, he claims, are hardly known abroad. And he rejects the charge that his awards merely reinforce the prestige of a handful of stars who are already very famous — although Carreras, Domingo, Pavarotti, Abbado, the Kronos Quartet and Gorecki all feature on the shortlists. "People within the industry will say these are obvious names," he says. "But our winners will not be obvious to people who are not aficionados."

And it is these, the uninitiated, who are the target of Guilfoyle's television programme, which will include filmed portraits of all the winners. "Take Bob Geldof, for example," he says. "He is not a classical fan *per se*. But I saw him at the Wigmore Hall listening to Anne Sophie von Otter — and I saw a guy who was completely moved by what he heard. He had never been to a Lieder recital before, probably didn't know what a Lieder recital was. So he is the perfect template for the non-classical enthusiast we are aiming at. We want to make them aware of really great artists who are at present only known to cognoscenti. It's ridiculous that any fifth-rate pop performer should be more famous than a first-rate classical singer.

"If we can entertain the aficionados as well, fine. But let's face it, the aficionados have done a lot of damage over the years with their sectarian views of music. They have cast a shroud over the whole business, and it's time that the shroud was blown away."

Blowing a shroud away is not, perhaps, how the Association of British Orchestras would describe its own new initiative. But its aim is similar: to dispel the "exclusive" aura. And again a sponsor (British Telecom) has been persuaded to part with £500,000 to make it possible. The scheme involves at least 12 British orchestras in a succession of performances next autumn of a new work specially commissioned from the young Scottish composer James MacMillan. In the two succeeding years, two other composers will be commissioned.

The concerts will be preceded by "Meet the Orchestra" workshops, designed to break down the mystique that frightens some potential concert-goers away — particularly if the concert also includes unfamiliar or new music. And the choice of MacMillan (who will attend all the performances) is astute: he writes gripping music and has a thirst for communication.

So 1994 begins with two signs of hope. But there have been good starts before: the roll-call of those who were once touted as "bringing classical music to a wider audience" stretches from Stokowski and Bernstein to Galway, Previn and Nigel Kennedy. Yet the "wider audience" is never completely hooked, and drifts away until the next missionary appears.

Some would argue that the breakthrough is never achieved because, for all the lip-service paid to "increasing access", there is a fundamental mistrust of popularity ingrained in the culture of many musical organisations: a belief that spreading the good news will inevitably mean pandering to the lowest common denominator. In other words, such organisations are not persuading Classic FM's listeners to attend their concerts because, deep down, they don't actually want them there.

If that feeling does exist, however, now is not the time to display it. The traumas of 1993 have shown that classical musicians must fight their corner as never before. Saturday night's television gala may raise thin smiles of condescension in some quarters — but if classical music was on prime-time television *every* Saturday night, would the bureaucrats have dared to attempt the axing of two symphony orchestras?

● *The Classical Music Awards will be televised on Saturday on BBC2, 8.50pm*



In tune with public taste? Melvyn Bragg, the co-presenter, and Bob Geldof, the deviser, of this weekend's Classical Music Awards

RECITAL

Further steps in song

International Songmakers
Wigmore Hall

GONE are the days when a series of British singers would gain their wings of song under the kindly but firm tutelage of pianist and programmer Graham Johnson, while the audience was regaled with elegant, live programme notes. Now, the last page of the Songmakers' Almanac has turned, and the International Songmakers are fast establishing themselves as the new entertainers.

The ardour and the intoxication, though, are still there, and never more so than when, as on Thursday night, Johnson compiles a programme which is a verbal and musical paean of praise to Schubert.

This time, the young soprano Juliane Banse from Zurich and baritone and Berliner Roman Trekel met to investigate Schubert's own encounters with the poetry of Schlegel, Rückert, Schulze, Mayrhofer and Goethe. Banse's light, pearly soprano and Trekel's well ballasted baritone made gender casting almost inevitable. God may have spoken through all of Schlegel's creations, but he seemed to speak in a decidedly female voice as far as breezes, birds and roses were concerned, and in manly tones as the wanderer, the river, the boatman and the dark forest.

Johnson's own piano playing caught the light flashing from the surface of the water in "Der Fluss", danced with the bright yodelling of Banse in "Die Vögel" and "Die Berge", and thrilled to Trekel's fiery engagement with every word of "Im Walde". After the interval Banse and Trekel took it in turns to re-create Schubert's laughter and tears, the spring balminess and the feverish cantering of "Im Frühling" and "Auf der Brücke".

When it came to Goethe, Banse's Shepherd met Trekel's Son of the Muses; and Trekel's Erl King, not quite a match in the horror stakes for Johnson's fingers, found his equal in Banse's Gretchen.

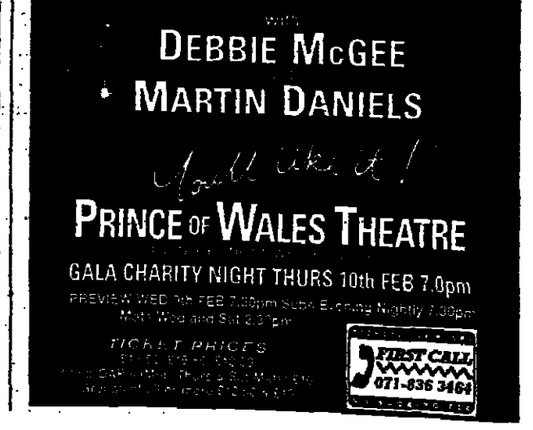
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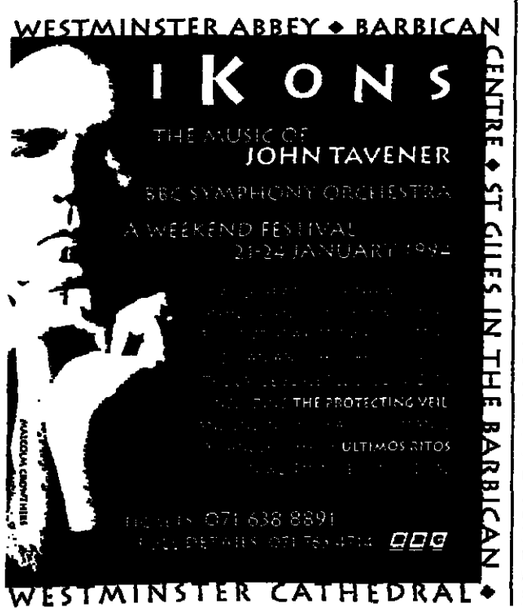
Sour notes

WELSH National Opera has announced cuts in both staff and programming next season in an effort to balance the budget in the 1994-95 financial year. The measures include redundancies, seasonal lay-offs and the proposal to cancel a production in spring 1995, presenting two operas instead of the usual three.

"Redundancies and cutting a production is a very painful solution," says Matthew Epstein, WNO general director. "But in a recession and a no-growth funding climate, we have no responsible alternative." The cost-cutting is, however, subject to the final agreement of the Arts Councils of Wales and England.

● CHANNEL 4's adaptation of Armistead Maupin's *Tales of The City* has received rave reviews — and high ratings — in America, where it was shown last week on the PBS network. But success came at a price. Several PBS affiliates (Nashville included) declined on moral grounds to show the six-hour series — which portrays gay life in San Francisco — while others did so in an "altered version" in which certain scenes were blurred and words, or even syllables, excised from the soundtrack.





CONCERT: Messiaen's colourful symphonic epic in Manchester

Success in the balance

BBC PO/Tortelier
Free Trade Hall

THE first essential in any performance of Messiaen's *Turangalîla* is to get the level of the ondes martenot right. The one amplified instrument in the whole massive ensemble, it should dominate the texture only when it is meant to, and even then it should never be so loud that it actually hurts the ear. A brave account of the work in this hall a few years ago was all but wrecked by Jeanne Loriod, the composer's sister-in-law, asserting her authority as ondiste in the first performance and dominating the proceedings quite mercilessly.

On this occasion the ondiste with the BBC Philharmonic was Valérie Hartmann-Claverie, a pupil of Loriod's, and a member of the Sextette Ondes Martenot-Jeanne Loriod. The line of descent was unmistakable, but she did seem to understand at some points that, whatever the Loriod tradition, Messiaen would not have constructed such elaborate counterpoints if he had intended them to be submerged under one voice.

The most damaging example of faulty balance was in the great slow movement, the "Jardin du sommeil de l'amour". Elsewhere one longed to unfold the confused orchestral textures and find what was inside, but that was more a matter of intellectual curiosity than physical frustration. In most other respects — in the wonderfully inspired piano playing of Jean-Yves Thibaudet, the generously emotional conducting of Yan Pascal Tortelier, the untiring commitment of the orchestra — the performance was quite exceptional.

In those movements or parts of movements where Messiaen's technical preoccupations prevail over the emotional inspiration, the Tortelier interpretation tended to lose interest or even its rhythmic impulse. But never for long: he could always recover the initiative, retain the faith of an orchestra so well prepared and so eager to please that nothing would put it off, and finally accomplish a performance of rare overall coherence.

GERALD LARNER

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

STOMP: Yes/No People's eclectic mix of theatre, dance, music and comedy is street art for the ears. The percussion rhythms are a barrage of bins, brooms, buckets and boots and other household paraphernalia. **Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Feb 5, 2.30pm. Until Feb 5. (S)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Opening night for the new Michael Hastings drama, set in 1940 among a group of aristocrats nervously awaiting Hitler's invasion. Philip Voss and Toby Stephens head an excellent cast. **Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight 7pm; Thurs 7.15pm (S)

XERXES: Nicholas Hytner's delightfully stylish 1985 production, revived for **ENO** by Julia Hollander, is as beguiling as ever. Ivor Bolton conducts a strong cast which includes Christopher Robson, Yvonne Kenny, Louise Winter, Jean Rigby and Mark Richardson. **Coliseum**, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight and Friday, 7pm. (S)

ELSEWHERE

BRENTFORD: Another opening night, this for the British premiere of **The Statement**, performed by The Troupe. Susan Penhaligon stars as a rebellious heroine in this Quebecois homage to the crime stories of Ruth Rendell and Dorothy Sayers. By Hélène Pedneault. **Watermans Arts Centre**, 40 High Street (081-568 1176). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Feb 9.

OXFORD: Theatre de Complicite continues its new touring production of *The Three Lives of Lucie Cabrol*. Adapted by Simon McBurney and Mark Wheatley from John Berger's raw and violent love story spanning 70 years of the 20th century in the French countryside. **Playhouse Theatre**, 11-12 Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 798600). Tonight, Thurs, and Sat, 7.30pm; Fri 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm (S)

NOTTINGHAM: The Birmingham-based contemporary troupe **Kokuma Dance Company** uses African dance forms to deal with issues affecting the black community in Britain. **Playhouse**, Wellington Circus (0602 419419). Tonight, 7.30pm. (S)

POOLE: The highly acclaimed young Russian violinist Maxim Vengerov joins Alexander Lazarev, the conductor of the Bolshoi, and the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** for a mostly Russian programme, including Mussorgsky (*Night on Bare Mountain*), Shostakovich (Violin Concerto No 1): and Sibelius (Symphony No 1). **Wessex Hall**, Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road (S) (0202 685222). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Jan 20 at University Great Hall, **Exeter** and Jan 21 at Northguild, **Southampton**.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum:** Deities and Devotions: Hindu art, Demon of Painting: Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall:** Bruce Chatwin's Photographs, to Jan 23 (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** The Portrait Now; Thomas Eakins, to Jan 23 (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** David's portrait of the Viscontesse Vilain XIIII and Her Daughter (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum, to Jan 23, The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) ... **Royal College of Art:** John Minton (071-584 5020) ... **Tate:** Writing on the Wall: women artists; Turner's Vignettes, to Jan 23 (071-887 8008)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY:** Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*. **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **CABARET:** Jane Horrocks (Sally Bowles) and Alan Cumming as the MC, dancing with death in the last days before Hitler. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. (S)

□ **THE CUT:** The first play by former miner Mike Cullen, set at the pit face 3,000 feet underground, where an ex-union rep searches for the truth behind his father's sudden death. **Bush**, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Preview tonight, 8pm. Opens Jan 20, 7pm.

□ **JANE EYRE:** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm. (S)

□ **FATZER MATERIAL:** Fragments of Brecht circa 1930 about five army deserters, assembled by Marc von Henning, known for his promotion of plays by Heiner Muller. See review, right. **Gate**, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Feb 5.

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm. (S)

◪ **KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE:** Suave and singing, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Tue-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 6pm and 8.30pm; Sun 7.30pm.

◪ **MACBETH:** Derek Jacobi and Cheryl Campbell play the hell-hound and his dame in Adrian Noble's goodish production. **Barbican**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mat Thurs and Sat, 2pm. (S)

◪ **MEDEA:** Diana Rigg in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge, directed by Jonathan Kent. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mat Sat, 5.30pm.

□ **OLEANNA:** Denis Lawson and Michelle Fairley have taken over the leads in Mamet's American tale of power, politics and punishment. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. (S)

□ **PIAF:** Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvelous. **Piccadilly**, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

◪ **SEPTEMBER TIDE:** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion arrives in the West End again (last time 1948), from the King's Head. Susannah York plays the decent woman in love with her son-in-law. **Comedy**, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

◪ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER:** Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes and David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy. **Queens**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm (S)

□ **SUICIDE & MANIPULATION:** The initials are S & M and the subject is damaged lives but the setting is the "rarified world of the super-famous and the fabulously fashionable". By the author of *Tango 'til You're Sore*. **Finborough**, 118 Finborough Road, SW10 (071-373 3842). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Till Jan 29.

■ **WIND IN THE WILLOWS:** Back for the really and truly last time with Desmond Barrit as Mr Toad. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. (S)

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ◪ **Hot Stuff:** Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FRIENDS** (15): Female friendships in turbulent Johannesburg. Worthy, flawed drama from writer-director Elaine Proctor, with Kerry Fox. **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGMs Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

◆ **HEAR NO EVIL** (15): Robert Greenwald's unpleasant potboiler stars Marlee Matlin as a deaf damsel in distress. With good guy D.B. Sweeney and corrupted cop Martin Sheen. **MGMs Fulham Road** (S) (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (S) (071-434 0031) **Warner** (S) (071-437 4343)

THE NORTHERNERS (15): Obsessions and secrets of an abandoned housing estate. Deadpan Dutch satire from talented director Alex van Warmerdam. **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

PROVIDENCE (15): Alain Resnais's elegant enigma of 1977, with John Gielgud as the dying writer weaving his family (Dirk Bogarde and others) into his fiction. **Everyman** (S) (071-435 1525) **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

STRANGER THAN PARADISE (15): Laconic musings on the American dream, shot in black and white. Jim Jarmusch's first feature, still bracing today. With John Lurie, Eszter Balint. **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **UNDERCOVER BLUES** (12): Painless, dull comedy thriller with Dennis Quaid and Kathleen Turner spying with baby in tow. Director, Herbert Ross. **Plaza** (S) (0800 888997) **MGMs Fulham Road** (S) (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (S) (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES** (PG): A new baby causes chaos in America's most macabre household. Overblown sequel, with good stretches. With Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston; director, Barry Sonnenfeld. **Empire** (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (S) (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (071-792 3332)

◆ **CARLITO'S WAY** (18): Can Al Pacino's gangster go straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn and Penelope Ann Miller. **Empire** (0800 888911) **MGMs Fulham Road** (S) (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (S) (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (071-792 3332)

◆ **FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE** (15): Chen Kaige's Cannes prizewinner: a bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li. **Barbican** (S) (071-638 8891) **Chelsea Cinema** (071-351 3742) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

◆ **MALICE** (15): Alec Baldwin's hot-shot doctor shatters Nicole Kidman and Bill Pulman's domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and stupefying thriller; director, Harold Becker. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Marble Arch** (0426-914 501) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (071-792 3332)

◆ **A PERFECT WORLD** (15): Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama; Eastwood also directs. **Barbican** (S) (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (S) (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (S) (071-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** (S) (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel. Score by Michael Nyman. **Gate** (S) (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Warner** (S) (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (S) (071-792 3332)

SURVIVING DESIRE: Three elegant, crisp and artless short films from American independent Hal Hartley, showing during the January season, "New York, No Picnic". **ICA** (071-930 3647)

◆ **THE WEDDING BANQUET** (15): Americanised immigrant from Taiwan fails to tell his parents he's gay. Delightful, caring cross-cultural comedy. Director, Ang Lee. **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

THEATRE: A joyless deconstruction of notes by Brecht, and life-affirming mime from France

Unsatisfactory scraps from the killing fields

Fatzer Material
Gate

IN 1930, or thereabouts, Brecht penned 550 pages of scenes, dialogues and snatches of chorus about a radical soldier called Fatzer. This "fragment", as surely only the Germans could call it, was never finished, never published and never performed. Indeed, it was in a chaotic enough state to be of positive interest to the dramatist Heiner Müller, who is always happiest when i's are left undotted, t's uncrossed, and the rest of the alphabet spinning in orbit. It is his deconstruction of Brecht's already ramshackle construction that, translated and directed by Marc von Henning, now comes banging and crashing into the Gate.

I wish I could be more enthusiastic about what is, no doubt of it, a most courageous venture. But I must admit to an instinctive distaste for plays in which bespectacled narrators — and here there are no fewer than three of them — stand grimly emoting from behind lecterns in the half-dark. I am almost more averse to work in which everybody delivers his or her lines in an ominous monotone, and the most ordinary sentiments are given extra significance by odd twists of syntax. I prefer "I'll soon be dead and gone" to such Müller material or Henning humbug as "short my life and soon no more, and I will no longer be seen among men walking".

Narrative clarity is not to be expected. Nevertheless, it appears that Dan Jemmett's robust Fatzer persuades his comrades to abandon their First World War tank, desert the army, and wait for the revolution in some industrial wasteland. Unfortunately, they get hungry — very hungry. When Fatzer reneges on his promise to get them meat, and instead falls into bed with a likely woman or two, they first chain him up, then kill him. For Brecht, he is an egotistic anti-hero, properly hostile to the bourgeoisie, but sidetracked by a blend of cynicism and self-indulgence.

Still, there is much to be cynical about. Brecht knew about the killing fields from his work as a medical orderly in a military hospital in 1916 and 1917; and if this adaptation has a strength, it is that it evokes the cruelty and despair that even Lenin's triumph in Russia could not wipe from his mind. Every now and then, the lights turn red, the people freeze, and thumps, whooshes, spectral chants and the rattle of machine-guns fill the mud-encrusted stage, pulverising the eardrums and adding to the sense of chaos. At such moments, *Fatzer Material* almost justifies itself.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MARILYN KINGWILL



Alienation effect: Dan Jemmett and Nick Teare in *Fatzer Material*, Heiner Müller's reworking of Brecht at the Gate Theatre, Notting Hill

History of mankind told in body language

Another Short Hour
Purcell Room

MIME, which not so many years ago was an activity performed in silence — perhaps the occasional sound of a balloon popping, a box dropped — has moved so far from that restriction that there is sometimes little to distinguish it from a simple play with words. Although every adventurous art form shoves against its own limitations, the risk here is that the defining boundaries will eventually melt away. One day in the future the London Mime Festival may have to be renamed London Body Language With Words Here and There Festival.

The three performers of Théâtre du Mouvement utter words but it is a jabber of nonsense French, muttered and hissed; more a medium of anxious self-expression than communication with others. They engage with one another chiefly by sight and touch, at times intricately clambering over each other's bodies, typically standing with three pairs of feet jammed together on the tiniest patch of floorspace. Or box space, because a score of white boxes, along with two planks and eventually streams of computer paper, are the props they employ with such wonderful, comic expertise.

During the opening darkness we hear the roar of waves upon shingle; bubbling, gurgling noises follow, and when the lights go up we are looking at three boxes set against a bank of others arranged at all angles. Three heads and their owners will emerge from their boxes, and I dare say the show could be understood as a survey of human life from the primeval soup to its climax as a frantic computer clerk.

Be that as it may, the attraction of *Another Short Hour (Encore Une Heure si Courte)* is not philosophy but physicality. The crisp, clear movements have the abruptness of cartoon characters but are also like those of lizards or inquisitive poultry. The way Lucas Thiery's chin bobs forward as he advances towards a box that puzzles him is very like a lively turkey. But this is the only resemblance to that bulbous bird: in fact, he looks something like a young Yves Montand, though nervier.

Yves Marc, older and balding, and co-founder with the director, Claire Heggen, of the company in 1977, resembles a genial if batty uncle. The curly-haired Claude Bokhobza is a bit Jonathan Prycey.

The delicate agility with which Thiery balances on one small box while extracting another from within it, and continues the sequence with four smaller boxes; the grace of all three as they take to sea and build a bridge to shore; the antics of resourcefulness and bravery, and their apotheosis in a whirlwind of paper: all are lovely to watch. An hour is the right length. Longer, and some philosophy would be needed. As it is, the succinct physical observation is a treat.

JEREMY KINGSTON

POP: A touch of worship at the altar of O'Connor

With a sheen of Easton

The Cranberries
Astoria 2

THE BURLY cameramen swarming the stage were the giveaway: this wasn't so much a concert as a convenient location for a live video and the paying punters little more than unpaid extras. The inordinately high proportion of new material performed suggested that this promotional device might eventually serve as a primer for the Limerick-based quartet's second album. Either way, you rapidly formed the impression that we the audience were merely pawns in the Cranberries' world-dominating masterclass.

Wearing a red skullcap over closely-cropped dark hair, Delores O'Riordan was at once attractive and unlikeable. Her first utterance on taking the stage referred to "our success over there". This was an unsubtle, and judging by the crowd's reaction, unwelcome allusion to her band's recent tour of America, where they began by supporting Suede and wound up blowing them off stage every evening and selling 1.5 million copies of their ruthlessly ambitious yet prophetically entitled debut album, *Everybody Else Is Doing It, So Why Can't We?*, into the bargain.

At times, the Cranberries can sound like a distillation of all independent music from the past ten years, at others merely a blurred photocopy of superior artists. As guitarist Noel Hogan strummed the chiming intro to another of their traditionally constructed numbers, the ghosts of the Cocteau Twins, the Sundays, the Cure, and the ever-present spectre of Sinead O'Connor would make their presence felt. That is not to say that their songs weren't strong: "Dreams", "Sunday" and "Pretty" were all immediately infectious and affecting, while the yodel-along "Linger", with its central themes of decaying relationships and sexual impatience, is a micro-classic of its genre.

Clearly, O'Riordan worships at the altar of O'Connor, but if ever a vocal style could be copyrighted, then the Cranberries would be put out of business immediately. Although her voice is an undeniably powerful and persuasive instrument capable of seducing, nagging, pleading and purring within one sung line, you somehow didn't believe her. The assured, verging on invincible performance of songs racked with chronic vulnerability and hopeless insecurity invariably rang hollow.

Unlike O'Connor, with her almost painfully emotional delivery, O'Riordan seemed to push the right buttons without ever getting personally involved. After an hour, this icy detachment became frustrating which, ironically, is a lyrical concern that the Cranberries seemed to return to whenever possible. As O'Riordan thanked us once again for our support, the thought kept returning that what we were dealing with here was none other than an Indie Sheena Easton.

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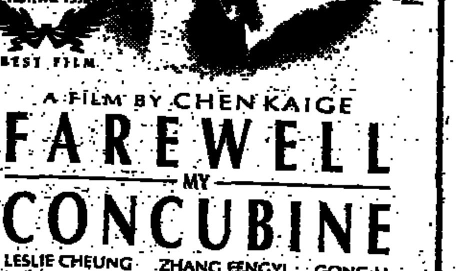
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Broader issues on Broadway

With straight plays and mega-musicals flopping at the box office, has New York theatre given up the fight? **Matt Wolf** thinks not

Since New York is a city of extremes, it comes as no surprise that last year's most depressing and cheering stage events on Broadway took place within seven weeks, and three blocks, of one another in Manhattan. The depression set in on the last Sunday in October, a rainswept afternoon that saw Brian Friel's staunchest admirers — and the odd tourist unable to get into *Les Misérables* across the street — filing into the Plymouth Theatre for the final performance of Friel's **Wonderful Tennessee**.

Two hours later, most of them tearful, some on their feet applauding, the same audience walked back out on to a street which, by the end of the year, would offer up nothing besides musical imports *Les Mis, Blood Brothers*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. In context, what hope had a show like *Wonderful Tennessee*, a deeply felt, even hymn-like play that twice now has touched this viewer on a far more personal level than its predecessor, *Dancing at Lughnasa*?

Yet one could understand producer Noel Pearson's reasons for importing Patrick Mason's gorgeous Abbey Theatre production direct from Dublin. After all, the same theatre two years ago launched a year-long *Lughnasa* engagement that not only won three Tony Awards but made some money. Last year, Pearson's Broadway production of Frank McGuinness's hostage drama *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me* managed to run almost four times longer than it had in the West End, largely due to the drawing power of a star, Stephen Rea, who was being concurrently feted across America for his screen work in *The Crying Game*.

Surely, some of those audiences might return to welcome the *Tennessee* company during its scheduled 20-week engagement. Instead, the new play exhausted much of its advance sale in three weeks and could not rely on a stalwart theatre-going public to overcome mixed (and largely uncomprehending) reviews. On Broadway, any serious play receiving less than complete raves is quickly put out to pasture, where *Tennessee* was soon joined only marginally less precipitously by *Any Given Day*, the new play from previous Pulitzer Prize-winner Frank Gilroy (*The Subject Was Roses*), and the 1992 Pulitzer Prize-winner, Robert Schenkkan's six-hour *The Kentucky Cycle*.

And yet, just when the commercial theatre's prospects were looking too cruel for comfort, along came Tony Kushner — and not for the first time — to give everyone hope. This time, the cheering occasion was a bitterly cold night before Christmas inside a packed Walter Kerr Theatre ripe with expectation. Perestroika, Kushner's follow-up to his award-laden *Millennium Approaches*, had at last joined the earlier play in repertory, and a keen Broadway public — including *Kentucky Cycle* star Stacy Keach — had gathered to

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see if lightning could strike twice.

The short answer? And how. Or put another way: anyone still smarting from the sense of anti-climax that accompanied both plays' November openings at the National in London deserves a reacquaintance with the full *Angels in America* epic in New York. Not only does George C. Wolfe's direction of *Perestroika* elucidate what in London seemed both murky and inchoate, but the seven-person ensemble constitutes the acting event of this, or any, season. From Kathleen Chalfant's opening address as "the oldest living Bolshevik" to the almost wistful final wave of Stephen Spinella's Aids-afflicted Prior, the cast both transmits a feeling of occasion and is an essential part of that occasion.

The only sadness is the departure of two crucial members: the monstrously transfixing Roy Cohn of Ron Leibman, who won a Tony Award for the part last June (*Amadeus* star F. Murray Abraham replaces him in March); and Marcia Gay Harden's Harper Pitt, the delusional Mormon wife whose vision of "a great web of souls" leads *Perestroika* to its tumultuously emotional conclusion.

For three hours 40 minutes, the play anatomises the plague-ridden Reagan years with a unique mixture of grace and fury, capped by a healing coda one cannot help feeling Shakespeare or Mozart might have understood. Is the analogy too lofty? Cynics may think so. But the fact remains that *Angels* on Broadway represents a defining event (and, costing £86 to see both halves, a definingly expensive event) in the city's cultural life, and its commercial success eases the pall cast only streets away.

Other slivers of good cheer can be found amid the rows of shuttered playhouses. While the much-ballyhooed musical of *The Red Shoes* opened and closed in four days at a loss of $8 million (£5.5 million), the charmingly modest revival of **She Loves Me** (Brooks Atkinson Theatre), Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick's 1963 musical, looks set to surpass an original 301-performance run best remembered for giving star Barbara Cook her signature song, "Ice Cream".

Seen free of the cult clamour that has attached itself to the show over the years, the musical offers intelligence in lieu of spectacle, and features a Joe Masteroff libretto far less compromised than his subsequent work on *Cabaret*. Set in a Hungarian perfumerie, the show charts the epistolary love affair between two work colleagues who match up letters and faces only at the end. And with lyrics acknowledging Tolstoy, Stendhal and Mann (how many shows can claim that?), Scott Ellis's production ensures that good taste prevails — which, in an age that can make hits out of *Joseph* and *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, is no small achievement.

She Loves Me originated at the Roundabout Theatre, one of several non-profit venues technically classified as a "Broadway" house, and on this front, too, hope springs eternal. At its erstwhile home off-Broadway, the Roundabout offered dutiful but dull retreads of the classics. Now, thrust into the Broadway spotlight, it has raised its ambitions and its profile. It was in this theatre last January that Steven Spielberg decided to cast Liam Neeson in *Schindler's List* after seeing the actor in David Leveaux's production of *Anna Christie*. Currently in previews is a second British director, David Jones, with the first Broadway revival of Harold Pinter's *No Man's Land* (with Christopher Plummer and Jason Robards).

Uptown, the Lincoln Centre Theatre may be on to a surefire winner with the March 24 opening of *Carousel*, but its Christmas programming was both risky and rewarding. In choosing to stage Robert E. Sherwood's three-hour, 20-minute 1939 play **Abe Lincoln in Illinois**, director Gerald Gutierrez smartly re-imagined a slice of Americana that is both more cynical, and more contemporary, than the earnest programme illustration of star Sam Waterston's Abe Lincoln (a first-rate performance) might at first suggest.

And at the curtain call, as the cast of 49 took their bows, one saw as populous a stage as any theatre on either side of the Atlantic has fielded in an age. Is that one image enough to allay the New York theatre's woes? Obviously not. But it says a lot about a city's theatrical confidence that it can parade a virtual army of talent at precisely that moment when Broadway was assumed — yet again wrongly — to have given up the fight.



Charming: the modest revival of the musical *She Loves Me* offers intelligence in lieu of spectacle

RADIO

Callas and offal

David Mellor is doing well on radio. Last week he did best on his series **Vintage Years** (Radio 3), in which he talks about great musical artists of the past with people who know a lot about them. Last Saturday it was Maria Callas, and Mellor used his own familiarity with opera very naturally and unpretentiously in his conversation with Lord Harewood. Between them, they mapped out clearly the rise and fall of that wonderful "bitter orange" of a singing genius. Best of all, they chose the recordings well. The supreme moment of two hours' splendid talk and music was Callas singing "Casta diva" from her own favourite opera, Bellini's *Norma*: the moonlight shivered and melted in her voice.

Mellor's new Radio 4 series **Soapbox** (Thursday) did not start so well. The trouble in this first programme was that most of the speakers were criticising the media or politicians or young poets for simplifying issues and aiming to be sensational, when all the time they were doing the same themselves.

This was not Mellor's fault, except in so far as he chose speakers like Jeff Nuttall, the poet and performance artist who once threw pig's offal at his caged audience.

For authority in the matter of poetry, it was better to turn to W.H. Auden talking in **Selected Poets** (Radio 3). At Saturday lunch-time Peter Porter introduced a recording from the sound archives of an interview Auden gave in 1962. Auden had a very good speaking voice, languid, questioning, but firm. You relaxed and wanted to listen to him.

He did not think that poets had ever believed they could be "midwives to society". As for the *engagés* poets of the Thirties, of which he had been one, "they did not save a single Jew from being gassed". He agreed with Dr Johnson about poetry — it just helped one a little bit better to enjoy or endure life. "Before Milton, all verse had something light about it," he cannily observed, and he clearly thought that verse still should.

In another new series on Radio 4 on Saturdays, Nick Baker investigates **Testing Times**. This can mean many things. In the first programme, we met a half-Nigerian, half-Scottish PhD student, Al Coker, who had set himself a test as a boxer: if he could get into the all-London Amateur Finals he would go on boxing; if not he would put the gloves away for ever. Nick Baker, the presenter, kept up the tension well until we reached the decisive bout. (As the programme is over I can tell you that Al won.)

Next week the tests are to determine a parrot's sex by shining a light into its innards. The parrot owners have quite a party. I will not tell you what happens to the parrots...

DERWENT MAY

Learn music with this easy-to-follow novel

You too can move from piano rags to riches, fame and fancy women, with Frank Conroy's new book

Long ago, in another lifetime, the young Frank Conroy was playing his first paid engagement as a jazz pianist in a New York restaurant. When it was time to begin his second set he realised that his bass player had still not returned from his break and had left him on his own. In a panic Conroy decided to start playing anyway, though he knew he was not good enough to perform solo.

Before long, he recalls, he saw a heavy-set figure approaching out of the shadows. "As he got closer I thought, 'My God! It's Charlie Mingus'. I hadn't even realised he was in the place." (This, non-jazz lovers should note, is the equivalent of an Underground busker being approached by Yehudi Menuhin.) "He picked up the bass and we played for an hour. In other words he sat in with *me*. If that isn't ludicrous, I don't know what is."

The same air of incredulity hangs over Conroy now as, jet-lagged and rumpled, he pads a weary path through a series of celebrity author interviews. A courteous, soft-spoken teacher of literature and still an occasional pianist, he is the author of *Body & Soul*, a first novel which has been hailed by many American critics as a triumph of old-fashioned storytelling.

His American publisher issued a print run of 125,000 copies, and the film rights were sold long ago, for well over half a million dollars. Conroy looks on in bemusement.

Body & Soul (published this week by Hamish Hamilton, at £14.99) is the unashamedly romantic tale of Claude Rawlings, a boy growing up in an impoverished neighbourhood in New York in the 1940s, whose life is transformed by his gift for the piano. At the age of six he begins tapping away on a battered upright in the shabby apartment that he shares with his mother, a former showgirl who makes a slender living as a cab driver.

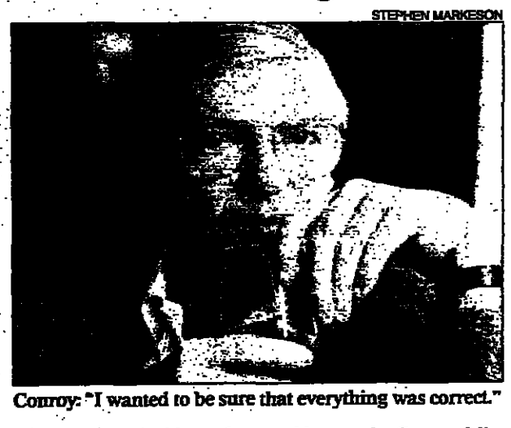
Soon a refugee from wartime Poland takes Claude under his wing, gives him lessons and ensures that he has the finest teachers in the city. Claude gains an entrée to New York's high society and falls in love with an imperious upper-class girl who rejects him. Redeemed by his art, he pursues an almost effortlessly successful career, and we leave him as he is about to make his London debut with the LSO.

It is easy to see why Hollywood producers were attracted to the book. Conroy's narrative has all the glitter and studied implausibility of a big budget mini-series, with walk-on parts for a variety of real-life figures, including Aaron Copland.

More than just a modern fairy-tale, however, the novel represents a rare attempt to use fiction as a vehicle for discussing the experience of making music. Conroy delivers what amounts to a beginner's guide to music theory and the keyboard, from Bach to Schoenberg and jazz improvisation. The concert pianist Peter Serkin acted as an informal adviser.

"I'm a self-taught pianist," Conroy explains, "and I have great gaps in my knowledge. Doing the research was a lot of fun — except for the 12-tone. I would send Peter a hundred pages at a time as I was writing the manuscript and he gave me his comments. I wanted to be sure that everything was technically correct."

STEPHEN MARKESON



Conroy: "I wanted to be sure that everything was correct."

How well the musical analysis blends into the storyline is open to debate. Many of the theoretical passages are bolted onto the text with little regard for narrative flow: you have the impression that, having digested so much raw material, Conroy felt obliged to regurgitate every paragraph. He often falls back on flat-footed lines about "climbing through the enharmonic modulations like a knife through butter".

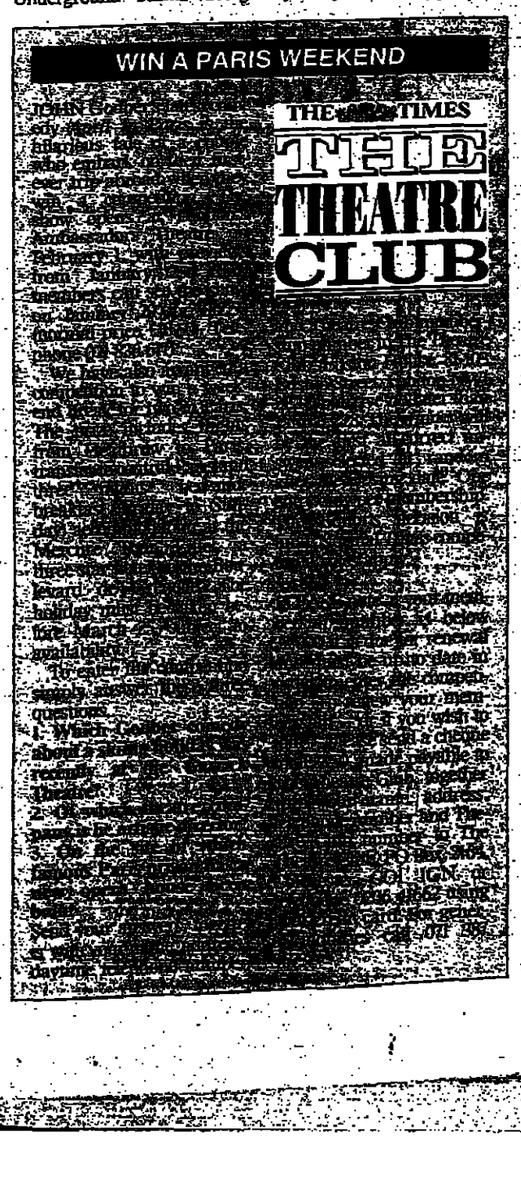
Nevertheless, the fact that Conroy is back in the limelight is cause for celebration. A quarter of a century has passed since he arrived on the New York literary scene with *Stop Time*, a highly praised memoir of childhood and adolescence (which is to be reissued by Penguin in March). The book described Conroy's chaotic early years in a classically dysfunctional family.

The son of a mentally disturbed father who died young, Conroy was raised by his feckless mother in a peripatetic household. Books and music provided a refuge.

The publication of *Stop Time* — Conroy's first book — brought him critical acclaim when he had barely turned 30, but his personal life disintegrated. Penniless after the break-up of his marriage, he made a meagre living from jazz piano and from scalloping in Nantucket. He suffered a "quasi-nervous breakdown".

Conroy began to shake off his demons after re-marrying, and at the age of 40 took up a creative writing post at the University of Iowa. Today he leads a highly structured life. "There are very few things you can do to make writing easier, but regularity helps — a lot," he says. "It's like having root canal surgery every single day — after a while you get used to it."

CLIVE DAVIS



TELEVISION REVIEW

Hair today, gone tomorrow

At a small bare counter in northern Russia, a woman with beefy arms unwraps a tall roll of newspaper. What emerges, at each turn of the bundle, is a long plait of human hair, until finally she surveys a half-dozen headfuls of detached barnet. For some reason not previously explored on television, the image is horrifying. Of course there is a rational explanation: the woman is a hair-dealer; the client wants to buy food with the money the old plaits will bring; the hair is sold to English wig-makers. But something quite primitive in the observer nevertheless wants to yell out, "That hair is dead! Look, it's all limp and heavy! Let it rest in peace!"

As a proposed subject for a **40 Minutes** (BBC2), human hair looked slightly unpromising. But Geoff Dunlop's film *Heads and Tales* (corny title) achieved the rare distinction of briefly making you see the world in a new light, albeit a hairy one. Basically, it made you understand that people need hair, and that they are very attached to it. A London woman stricken suddenly by alopecia is now completely bald, yet she still attends the hairdresser on Saturdays, bewigged, and has her hair washed at a basin (with her head inside it). She says that without the weekly salon chat she would feel inhuman.

Personally, I kept thinking of Jo in *Little Women* — the shock when she sells her hair and returns home all short and stumpy, and the sisters exclaim, "But Jo, your hair was your one beauty!" As an example of sibling tactlessness, of course, this has few parallels. But it would have fitted well with last night's film: when you are inside it, hair means little to you.

Even the Timotei Girl is merely concerned about people thinking she's an "airhead" because she's blonde. But if you haven't got it, hair looms enormously, and grief for its loss can lead people to do peculiar things.

A young chap called Alex regularly subjects himself to a form of excruciating torture entailing a frontal hairpiece, some glue, and a tiny crochet hook. One held one's breath, anticipating the staple-gun as the *pièce de résistance*. But somehow the hairpiece is knitted into his own hair and he emerges as a happy man who can rave all night at clubs without his hair falling off.

You couldn't help noticing, however, that it was rather too prominent, this hairpiece. In fact, the word squirrel came to mind. But his new girlfriend, when she saw him without it, realised she adored the squirrel and wanted it sewn back. "I cried for him," she said, still shocked by the memory of the shiny pate.

The only dull section concerned the marketing activities of a new company selling products and advice to men with natural tonsures. Its converts believe in hanging upside down, eating fruit, controlling stress, and tapping into a £24 million market. All of them claim to have benefitted from the system, but since you would still shout "Baldie!" if you saw them in the street, their evangelical hallelujahs were not entirely convincing.

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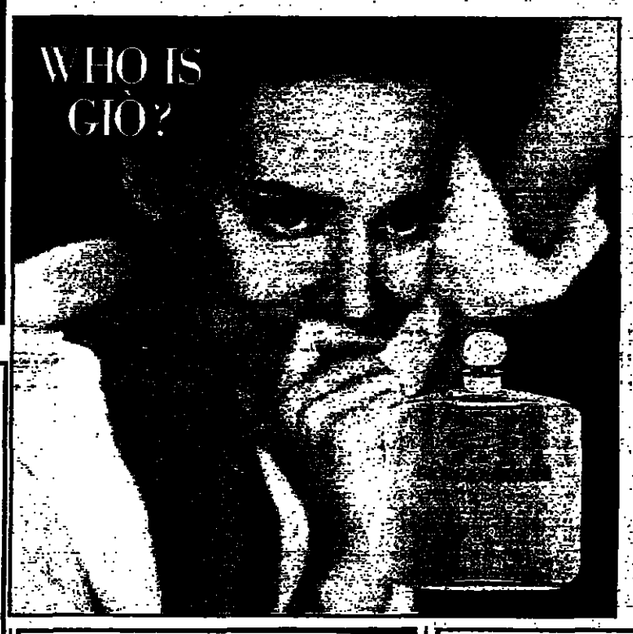
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Encouragement for smaller companies to join competition

Golf challenge has new sponsor

By Mel Webb

CHANGES designed to help the *Times*/MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge become more accessible to entrants were announced at the launch of the second year of the challenge in London yesterday. After consulting competing companies in Britain's first golf event aimed directly at the business world, the organisers have made two important changes.

First, the number of players appearing in golf days registered with the challenge has been reduced from 25 to 16. A number of companies would have entered the competition last year, research revealed, but for the fact that either they were too small to enter under the prevailing regulations or their marketing strategy was aimed at a smaller field of their larger clients.

The other change is also intended to take into account



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the fact that for many companies the concept behind their golf day is to entertain clients and prospective customers rather than their staff. It has therefore been decided to reduce the minimum number of staff involved in each four-player counting team from three to two, an alteration that was greeted enthusiastically at the launch at St Andrew Golf Club in the City.

The changes were announced by John Mitchell, the former Fulham and Millwall footballer and managing director of Mitchell Marketing Associates, whose brainchild the challenge was. "We were on a learning curve in the first year and, at the end of it, we decided that although the changes we have made were comparatively minor, it would be in the best interests of the challenge and the companies entering for it if we made them," he said. "We wanted to make the competition available to even more people and we think that these changes will do that."

The challenge is being sponsored this year by Mees-Pierson, a Dutch-owned international merchant bank, who have backed up their commitment to the challenge by pouring a six-figure sum into its sponsorship.

Darryl Keys, head of United Kingdom corporate banking for the company, underlined his company's enthusiasm for the competition. "We believe that this is going to become a huge competition and we are delighted to be associated with it," he said.

The challenge, in which more than 10,000 players appeared in its first year, is confidently expected to attract a much bigger entry this time. Regional finals have been increased from five to seven ahead of the projected rise in response, and they will be played in October on courses of the highest quality in England, Scotland and Wales.

The rules of the competition, which appear in full in an accompanying supplement today, are simple. Companies that register in the challenge have to stage an 18-hole Stableford competition in which at least 16 players take part, with competitors playing off ¾ of a maximum 24 handicap for men and 30 for women.

The 25 teams with the best aggregate scores will qualify for one of the regional finals, the winners of which will go through to the national final at La Manga in south east Spain from November 24 to 28. They will be playing for a new trophy donated by Edinburgh Crystal, who offered the huge cut-glass bowl after playing in the Scotland and Ireland regional final last year.

Fixture lists will appear weekly in the sports pages of *The Times*, and results also appear in the paper on a regular basis. Details are available from the challenge offices on 071-436 3415.

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Hans Blankvoort, left, MeesPierson's director of corporate banking, Peter Roberts, managing editor of *The Times*, with the new trophy, and Darryl Keys, watch European Tour player Darren Clarke in action at the launch

Lathwell thinks Test call was premature

From Michael Henderson in East London, South Africa

ONLY one thing is harder than learning to cope with failure: learning to cope with success. In a first-class career of modest experience, excessive praise and Olympian expectations, Mark Lathwell has been afflicted by both curses, and is only now beginning to come to terms with the perils of a public professional life.

On cricketing grounds it would be impolitic to pick Lathwell for England A's four-day match against Border, which starts here on Friday, and that really precludes his selection for the five-day game with South Africa A, starting next week. Sadly, he has failed on this tour. There is no other word for it.

What matters is how successfully he adjusts to the life of a county cricketer until — as it may — his turn comes again with England. A country lad at heart ("I do miss home"), he needs Somerset as much as they need him. A summer's convalescence is in order.

Country lads often have hidden depths. Yesterday, speaking with sense and entirely without sophistry, Lathwell answered questions for the first time on tour. He does not find it easy to talk about himself and it is unlikely he will ever get much better. It was a theme with few variations: "proving myself to myself". When he does, he said, he will know. "It's not like making 3,000 runs, for instance, or scoring five hundreds. It is going out to bat with the confidence to cope with whoever is bowling.

"I have always enjoyed playing for Somerset, especially at the start of last season when I was doing quite well. I knew there was a possibility that I would play for England because of what had been said but it was too soon. When I was selected, I had played only eight months of first-class cricket."



Lathwell: out of form

He attributes his loss of form — one fifty and a single hundred in his last 31 innings — to a lack of confidence rather than any number of technical shortcomings. "I have never been a great mover of my feet but that did not affect me before. Since I have not been making runs, I have lost a bit of the confidence to play as I did. You begin to wonder whether you are doing the right things.

"There is little that others can do. People have been helpful to me but they can't play for me. You do not consciously alter the way you play and I thought the other day, in the second innings of the Orange Free State match, I was starting to feel a lot better again."

Then he found another way of getting out — bowled round his legs, not offering a stroke to Boje, the left-arm spinner. Last week, at Kimberley against Griqualand West, he was given out leg-before after getting bat on the ball. Cricket is a cruel mistress when fortune is hiding.

Lathwell does not intend to hide. He still wants to open the innings, "to get something on the board quickly". At the same time, he acknowledges that if England play five batsmen against South Africa A, he is likely to be watching.

A batsman's style is as personal as a thumbprint. Lathwell is to John Crawley what bitter is to mild. "I will never profess to playing like John. I have known how good he is since we played in the England Under-19 team and there are lots of things I would like to take from him. But all batsmen are different.

"I have usually taken failure well. But this run has got me down more than anything I have known before. It's up to me to get the big score which puts me round the corner." It is no time for shilly-shallying. As D. H. Lawrence might have said: "Trust the blood."

Sidhu bombards boundaries

NAVJOT Sidhu, the opening batsman, hit his highest Test score, a flamboyant 124, as India scored 269 for three against Sri Lanka yesterday, the opening day of the first Test match to be played at Lucknow for 42 years.

Sidhu, a Sikh, hit eight sixes and nine fours, only two sixes short of Walter Hammond's record for a Test innings, set against New Zealand in 1932-33 during his 336 not out in Auckland. Sidhu, who added 121 for the third wicket with Tendulkar (88 not out), was restricted to 27 runs in the morning session but cut loose after lunch. Muralitharan, an off spinner, was struck for 16 from the last three deliveries of his first over. Sidhu clearing the boundary both at long-off and long-on.

INDIA: First Innings

M Prabhakar lbw b Liyanage	21
N S Sidhu c Kalpage b Muralitharan	124
V G Kambli run out	5
S R Tendulkar not out	88
*M Azharuddin not out	20
Extras (lb 3, nb 6, w 2)	11
Total (3 wkts)	269

S V Manjrekar, Kapil Dev, †N Monga, A Kumble, R K Chauhan, S L V Raju to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-84, 3-205

BOWLING: Wickramasinghe 16-3-47-0; Liyanage 15-6-41-1; Ranatunga 3-2-1-0; Anurasiri 27-6-62-0; Kalpage 9-1-30-0, Muralitharan 20-2-85-1.

SRI LANKA: *A Ranatunga, R S Mahanama, D P Samaraweera, P A de Silva, H P Tillekeratne, R S Kalpage, †P Dassanayake, M Muralitharan, G P Wickramasinghe, D K Liyanage, S D Anurasiri.

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Venue where Irish hopes may wither in the heat


Charlton: faces a fight

David Powell finds that Ireland's World Cup campaign could end in a cauldron in Florida

So enchanting that it could be an address from the fantasy land of nearby Disney World, the Citrus Bowl stadium, off Orange Blossom Trail, will in reality provide a harsh experience for the Ireland football team and its supporters in the World Cup in June. On the admission of the official in charge of matches in Orlando, Ireland will start at a disadvantage when they play Mexico in their second group game.

Given that Italy are Ireland's first opponents, it may be that, come the Mexico match, Jack Charlton's men will be fighting for their World Cup lives. Yet, with kick-off at 12.30pm, such will be the heat and humidity that Ireland's players, many in their thirties, will find the weather no less an opponent than a Mexico team more used to the conditions.

"It certainly favours some teams over others," Farrukh Quraishi, the Citrus Bowl executive director, said. But Ireland are stuck with the lunchtime kick-off because the electrical storms which hit Florida almost daily in summer usually come in the afternoon — "you can set your watch to them," Quraishi said — while the demands of television are against an evening match.

"At 12.30, the temperature will be in the 80s, with humidity going up to 90 per cent," Quraishi said. Spectators, too, are in for an uncomfortable time. The concrete bowl offers no shade, the seats are concrete and have no back rests.

The approach to the ground does nothing for the spirits either. An address which promises orange blossoms delivers a street with grubby garages and seedy bars. For anyone wishing to start an anti-tourism campaign, there could be no more appropriate site for headquarters.

Orlando, thanks to Disney World, is among the world's busiest tourist centres. Its selection as one of nine World Cup venues was at the expense of others closer to the game. Moreover, it is the smallest of the nine. But, backed by Disney, Orlando won the right to four group matches and one from the second round. "The business of the city is hosting tourists and we have a hospitality-based community," Quraishi said. "I cannot imagine there will be a better place to hold World Cup games."

Quraishi, 42, was born in Iran and played his early football for Watford youth team and Slough Town before having six seasons with Tampa Bay Rowdies in the North American Soccer League (NASL). He has lived through the American football experience as a player during the thrust and collapse of the NASL, as tournament director of the annual Sun Bowl youth tournament and, now, as a pivotal figure in hosting the World Cup.

His wish is that the experience will continue in some capacity with the new professional league to be started next year, one which is expected to form a premier division, with the present American Professional Soccer League cast as the first division. Will it last? "If the World Cup cannot do it, it cannot be done," Quraishi said. "The opportunity that the World Cup affords is to get sponsors involved." Television interest is the other significant factor.

Whether soccer can sustain a professional league in a country where American football, baseball, basketball and ice hockey dominate, remains questionable. The game is still explaining itself to the American public.

An Englishman here is struck by the headline in *Goal 94*, Orlando's official World Cup newsletter. "What in the world is the World Cup?" it asks. Then you read that a match lasts 90 minutes, has two halves, no time outs and that a referee and two linesmen control proceedings. The Americans' victory over Norway on Saturday was reported in one paragraph by the *Orlando Sentinel*.

It is forecast that 57 per cent of American citizens will watch the World Cup. Quraishi is optimistic that America will not only be hooked, but will not let go.

Horner's victory removes some of the doubts

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

SUZANNE Horner's long-awaited entry to the list of British champions deserved a better fanfare than could be mustered around her 32-minute 9-4, 9-1, 9-1 dismissal of Sue Wright, of Kent, from the women's final of the SRA national squash championships at Herts Country Club in Welwyn Garden City on Monday.

Horner, a few weeks short of her 31st birthday but as keenly athletic as when first approaching national competition from her Yorkshire Leagues base in Wakefield a dozen or more years ago, had previously failed to convert three British closed finals and two British open finals while others of her generation were collecting fame, fortune and leading titles around the world.

She is not the most inventive racket-worker in the game, although the full range of mandatory shots that make up her arsenal are as clean and technically complete as any. One experienced observer on Monday was moved to compare the crisp, musket-fire crack of her front-court driving to that of the great Hiddy Jahan, the Anglo-Pakistan former world No 2 who was reputed to have developed the fiercest shot the game has seen.

Not that Horner resembles that Pathan fighting man in any way other than technical competence. She is the bloom of Yorkshire womanhood, who plays with a pleasing and capably athletic Englishness.

Horner has faults but lack of courage is not one of them. Through the men's county leagues back home, the recurring years of playing second fiddle behind others of a particularly gifted professional generation, even losing a year with a freak knee injury incurred on a holiday jog in Hawaii, she has always played on to the best of her considerable ability.

One Yorkshire coach with whom she fell out years ago now claims he stays away from Horner's important matches because the mere sight of him near one of her opponents is enough to trigger her worst insecurities.

Perhaps Wright, the 23-year-old who won the title in 1992 and went on the same year to reach a British Open final after inflicting on the celebrated Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, her only defeat in that championship, might have invited that gentleman along to Welwyn had she known the tale.

Certainly, Wright needed more armament than she took into her second national final on Monday. She fought typically for the 16-minute opening game, but lost the five-minute second game in just two hands of authoritative driving and the nine-minute third in similar ineffective manner.

"I hardly felt stretched," Horner admitted. "I was hitting a perfect length from the start and it soon became clear I could win by playing on steadily."

Playing on is her only forward plan from here. "This is my best season," she said. "I won the Singapore and Austrian titles earlier. Who knows, maybe I can get a British Open too now the jinx is broken at last."

The men's national final between Peter Marshall, of England and Peter Nicol, of Scotland, separated for the first time from the women's final, was played late last night at Welwyn.

RESULTS: Women: Final: S Horner (Yorks) bt S Wright (Kent) 9-4, 9-1, 9-1. Age-group finals: Men: Over-35: R Forde (Cheshire) bt D Waller (Cheshire) 9-7, 9-3, 9-4. Over-40: P Verow (Durham and Cleveland) bt M Heap (Cheshire) 6-9, 9-6, 9-2, 4-9, 9-4. Over-45: S Sherren (Kent) bt A Purnell (Worcestershire) 9-2, 9-0, 8-10, 9-0. Over-60: J Perrott (Hampshire) bt B Phillips (Berkshire) 9-2, 9-5, 9-2. Over-65: P Kirton (Sussex) bt M Grundy (Yorkshire) 9-5, 9-6, 8-2. Women: Over-45: J Candlin (Surrey) bt A Murphy (Essex) 3-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-7.

England's failings reflected in rankings

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND'S failure to qualify for the World Cup football finals this year caused them to plummet in Fifa's 1993 world team rankings. Having been rated the fifth best team in the world in 1992, England finished last year rated eleventh.

Germany, the world champions, were selected as the best national team, narrowly ahead of Italy and Brazil, the same as in 1992. The Germans will be honoured, along with Colombia, who took the title of the most improved team, at the Fifa congress in Chicago in June. Colombia finished in 21st place, an improvement of 14 places on 1992.

Although Ireland reached the final stages of the World Cup, they were only ranked one place better than England and dropped four positions compared with last year. Scotland were 24th and Wales 29th. Northern Ireland were not ranked in the top 30.

The rising power of African football was shown by the inclusion of nine of the continent's teams in the top 40.

Norway and Spain, who both qualified for the World Cup finals in the United States, were the only newcomers to the top ten, up ten places each to fourth and fifth respectively.

They replaced England and Russia, down from eighth to fourteenth.

Germany expect the international match against England on April 20 — the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday — to go ahead and blamed Britain's media for whipping up fears that neo-Nazis could upset the match.

DFB, the German football federation, said yesterday that the game, which is to be played in Hamburg, would be discussed at a special meeting with German security chiefs and the Football Association today.

LEADING POSITIONS (1992 position in brackets): 1 (1), Germany 59.27pts; 2 (2), Italy 59.25; 3 (3), Brazil 58.73; 4 (14), Norway 57.92; 5 (16), Spain 57.14; 6 (9), Denmark 57.07; 7 (7), Holland 56.63; 8 (10), Argentina 55.29; 9 (4), Sweden 54.82; 10 (6), Ireland 54.42; 11 (5), England 54.26; 12 (12), Switzerland 53.83; 13 (11), Romania 52.46; 14 (8), Russia 52.02; 15 (19), France 51.84; 16 (25), Mexico 51.40; 17 (16), Uruguay 51.23; 18 (13), Nigeria 51.18; 19 (18), RCS 49.30; 20 (33), Portugal 48.94; 21 (35), Colombia 47.85; 22 (24), United States 46.07; 23 (22), Cameroon 45.58; 24 (23), Scotland 45.04; 25 (17), Belgium 45.02; 26 (21), Egypt 44.94; 27 (22), Zambia 44.92; 28 (20), Poland 44.56; 29 (29), Wales 44.47; 30 (41), Morocco 44.06.

Portsmouth plan to prove point in FA Cup replay

BY PETER ROBINSON

MISSING out on promotion to the FA Carling Premiership last season left an empty feeling at Portsmouth. Pipped by West Ham United to an automatic route out of the first division, they then slipped in the play-offs and Swindon Town, who finished the campaign proper far behind them, went up instead. The new year, however, has brought a refreshing, if frustrating, insight into what might have been for Portsmouth.

Draws at Blackburn Rovers and then Manchester United in the FA and Coca-Cola Cups were unexpected by almost everybody outside the confines of Fratton Park, but they did offer some justification to Portsmouth's belief that they have a team that belongs in the Premiership. The 3-3 draw at Ewood Park and the 2-2 scoreline from Old Trafford were achieved with a mix of quality and confidence that few higher-ranked clubs have taken with them to the North-West this season, powerful evidence indeed that Portsmouth deserved better than another year in the Endsleigh Insurance League.

Tonight, Portsmouth will try to drive home the point even further. Their FA Cup third-round replay at home to Blackburn gives them a second chance to expel the most expensive side in the country from its most famous competition and, if that seemed fanciful when the draw was made, it does not any longer.

Paul Walsh, the former Liverpool, Tottenham Hotspur and England striker, has enjoyed a glittering revival since he moved to the south coast and is, at the age of 31, playing arguably the best football of his career. If Alan McLoughlin was Portsmouth's outstanding figure at Ewood Park, scoring a hat-trick, Walsh, the Portsmouth captain, is a fair bet to take the starring role tonight.

Although Kit Symons, the tall Welsh defender who has caught the eye of Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, is ruled out with injury, there is likely to be a place for


Collymore: return

Tony Dobson, the former Blackburn defender Portsmouth bought for £150,000 before Christmas. Blackburn have no injury worries.

The sight of Stan Collymore returning for Nottingham Forest is hardly likely to improve Sheffield Wednesday's confidence before their replay at the City Ground, but the gifted striker is expected to play after missing two games with a hamstring injury. With 19 goals to his name already this season, he has gone a long way towards justifying the £2 million Forest paid Southend for his services during the summer; Wednesday, despite their impressive recent form, would still rather he was not there. They would rather Chris Waddle was, but he is suffering Achilles tendon trouble and is a certain non-starter, as is Simon Coleman, who they bought for £250,000 from Derby County yesterday. He is cup-tied.

Mike Walker arrived at Everton just in time to see them escape a third-round defeat at Bolton Wanderers and, having worked the oracle once, as Everton put six goals past a bemused Swindon on Saturday, he must quickly do so again. Although already beginning the rebuilding process he promised on his arrival at Goodison Park, having signed Brett Angell from Southend and taken Gerry Creaney from Celtic on loan, the Everton manager must stick with the players he inherited for the replay against a Bolton side that won at Anfield in the same competition last season.

Barnet's reward for their draw against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge is a rematch with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge — the result of switching the initial tie from Underhill to west London because of safety considerations — while Liverpool expect to be unchanged for their visit to Aston Gate for the rematch, if not quite the replay, of their third-round tie with Bristol City. A floodlight failure ended the sides' first meeting prematurely with the scores at 1-1.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE


Walsh's revival may pose greatest danger to Blackburn at Fratton Park

Celtic swoop to sign Martin from Manchester United

CELTIC yesterday signed the former England under-21 defender, Lee Martin, from Manchester United. The clubs failed to agree a fee, which will probably have to be settled by a tribunal. Martin, 25, who is valued at around £500,000, might make his debut tonight against Aberdeen.

Martin, who scored the winning goal in the 1990 FA Cup final replay against Crystal Palace, has started five games this season for United, but only one in the league. He was on a weekly contract at Old Trafford.

The Scottish Football Association (SFA) announced it would take no action against Celtic for the incidents in the match against Rangers on New Year's day at Parkhead. A supporter ran on to the pitch to attack the Ibrox goalkeeper, Ally Maxwell.

Gary Mabbutt returns to the Tottenham Hotspur dressing-room tonight after completing his first full training session since his infamous clash with John Fashanu, the Wimbledon forward.

The Tottenham and captain will be on hand to try and help fire his struggling team-mates to victory in their crucial FA Cup third-round replay against Peterborough United.

Ardiles will probably name an unchanged side with the goalkeeper, Ian Walker, continuing in the absence of Erik Thorstvedt, who was caught up in the Californian Earthquake on Monday as the Norway's American tour stopped off in San Diego.

Southampton announced that they will name their new manager by the end of the week after David Webb yesterday opted to honour his contract with Brentford following talks with the Southampton chairman, Guy Askham.

Blackpool have declared the Football League's first ever free-for-all. The second division club is to charge supporters nothing to see the home match against Swansea City on Saturday. Blackpool are in their worst run of form for 23 years.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

TOKYO: Japan open championships: Mixed doubles: Second round: T Lund and M Thomsen (Den) w o. Liao Kuo Mao and Lee Su Ling (Taiwan), scr; N Ponting and J Wright (Eng) bt A Imai and M Kai (Japan) 15-11, 15-7; M Sogaard (Den) and G Gowers (Eng) bt S Sylvester (Grenada) and M Tabata (Japan) 15-8, 15-3; R Mochida and E van den Heuvel (Holl) bt Lee Suk Ho and Yoo Eun Young (S Kor) 15-8, 8-15, 15-4; A Miranat and R Rosalina (Indo) bt J Robertson (Eng) and F Tamura (Jap) 15-8, 15-4; Huang Chun Chen and Feng Mei Ying (Taiwan) bt J Laugesen and L Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) 15-4, 12-15, 15-11; J Eriksen and A Melle Bille (Den) w.o. V Streltsov and V Evtushenko (Ukr), scr; J Holst-Christensen (Den) and C Bengtsson (Swe) bt Lee Kwang Jin and Kim Mee Hyang (S Kor) 15-6, 15-2; C Hunt and G Clark (Eng) bt S Matsuura and M Sakamoto (Japan) 15-4, 15-10; Chen Xingdong and Sun Man (China) bt T Hayato and M Nishida (Japan) 15-5, 15-7; P-G Jonsson and M Bengtsson (Swe) bt Liu En Horng and Kao Shin Lu (Taiwan) 15-1, 15-8; Ha Tae Kwon and Kim Shin Young (S Kor) bt Chan Siu Kwong and Chung Hoi Yuk (HK) 8-15, 15-4, 15-7; Jiang Xin and Zhang Jin (China) bt S Archer and J Davies (Eng) 15-10, 15-7; C Jacobsen and L Olsen (Den) bt K Suzuki and M Heyashi (Japan) 15-8, 15-4.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 109 Minnesota 94; San Antonio 103 Washington 87; Atlanta 102 Milwaukee 98; Chicago 121 Philadelphia 91; Cleveland 114; Orlando 107, Utah 109 Detroit 94; Golden State 104 Phoenix 99. Postponed: LA Lakers v Sacramento.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	25	9	.735	—
Orlando	20	16	.556	6
Miami	16	17	.485	8½
New Jersey	15	20	.429	10½
Philadelphia	15	21	.417	11½
Boston	14	23	.378	12½
Washington	12	23	.343	13½

Central division

Atlanta	25	8	.758	—
Chicago	24	11	.686	2
Charlotte	20	16	.556	6½
Cleveland	17	18	.486	9
Indiana	16	18	.485	10
Milwaukee	9	26	.257	17
Detroit	8	28	.235	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

Houston	28	7	.800	—
San Antonio	25	12	.694	3½
Utah	24	13	.649	5
Denver	16	20	.444	12½
Minnesota	12	23	.343	16
Dallas	2	32	.059	25½

Pacific division

Seattle	27	5	.844	—
Phoenix	25	9	.735	3
Golden State	20	14	.588	8
Portland	21	15	.583	8
LA Clippers	12	22	.353	16
Sacramento	12	23	.343	16½
LA Lakers	11	24	.314	17½

BOWLS

STEVENAGE: Hertfordshire IBA 159 Hertfordshire Ladies IBA 154.
HOME COUNTIES SIMBA LEAGUE: Middlesex IBA 164 Hertfordshire IBA 140.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: Bridgetown: Jamaica 405 and 118, Barbados 232 and 250-8 (C A Walsh 6-109). Match drawn. Plymouth: Trinidad and Tobago 99 (K C G Benjamin 5-19, C E L Ambrose 4-12) and 183; Leeward Islands 392 (K L T Arthurton 93). Leeward Islands won by an innings and 110 runs. St George's, Grenada: Guyana 286 and 109-3 declared, Windward Islands 183 and 63-8. Match drawn.
SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Hobart: South Australia 313-3 (D Lehmann 102 not out, J Siddons 87 not out) v Tasmania.
SYDNEY: One-day tour match: South Africa 247-5 (D Cullinan 95 not out); New South Wales 228 (M Waugh 59). South Africa won by 19 runs.
AUCKLAND: Women's one-day International: Australia 138-8 (Z Goss 51, E Drumm 4-31); New Zealand 139-7 (T Anderson 50). New Zealand won by three wickets.

CYCLING

BREMEN, Germany: Six-day event: Fifth-day standings: 1, A Kappes (Ger) and D Clark (Aus) 385pts, 6 K Khrabzov (Russ) and A Doyle (GB) 156, 18 laps behind.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 0 Chelsea 2, Crystal Palace 1 Brighton 1.

Late results on Monday

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leicester City 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: English schools British Gas Trophy: Fifth round: East Berkshire 4 Exeter 1. English schools under-18 championship: Cowes High School 1 Bournemouth 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Carshalton Athletic 1 Bishops Stortford 0.
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round replay: Arsenal 3 Brentford 1.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Minehead 1 Bristol Manor Farm 2.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Swindon 1 Watford 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Florida 2 New York Islanders 1; Detroit 6 Tampa Bay 3.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Northeast division

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Pittsburgh	22	12	10	183	154	54
Montreal	22	17	7	144	130	51
Boston	20	16	8	149	137	48
Buffalo	21	20	4	160	125	46
Quebec	17	23	5	149	161	39
Hartford	17	26	3	141	162	37
Ottawa	8	35	3	125	230	21

Atlantic division

NY Rangers	29	12	3	158	114	61
New Jersey	25	16	4	157	124	54
Philadelphia	23	20	3	165	168	49
Washington	20	21	4	144	137	44
Florida	18	17	8	120	120	44
NY Islanders	17	21	5	153	154	39
Tampa Bay	17	25	5	123	146	39

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central division

Toronto	27	14	7	163	132	61
Detroit	26	14	4	203	150	56
Dallas	23	18	7	168	153	53
St Louis	22	16	8	143	133	52
Chicago	21	19	5	134	131	47
Winnipeg	17	26	5	148	188	39

Pacific division

Calgary	23	17	7	178	148	53
Vancouver	22	21	1	149	148	45
Los Angeles	18	22	4	167	175	40
San Jose	15	21	10	122	145	40
Anaheim	18	27	2	131	147	38
Edmonton	13	27	6	142	168	32

SKIING

CRANS-MONTANA, Switzerland: Men's World Cup: Giant slalom: 1, J E Thorsen (Nor) 2min 32.83sec; 2, M Kunc (Slovenia) 2:32.93; 3, R Salzgeber (Austria) 2:33.44; 4, A Tomba (It) 2:33.75; 5, K A Aamodt (Nor) 2:33.80. Standings: 1, Aamodt 352pts; 2, C Mayer (Austria) 336; 3, F Piccard (Fr) 314; 4, F Nyberg (Swe) 294; equal 5, S Locher (Switz) and M Von Grunigen (Switz) 280. Overall: 1, Aamodt 632pts; 2, G Mader (Austria) 602; 3, Tomba 594; 4, M Girardelli (Lux) 523; 5, T Stangassinger (Austria) 405.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: Embassy world championship: Seventh qualifying round (England unless stated): N Noppacorn (Thai) bt J McLaughlin (Ire) 10-1; A Cairns bt E Charlton (Aus) 10-3; M King bt S Francisco (SA) 10-3; R O'Sullivan bt J Cundy 10-4; D Berry (Scot) bt M Dunn 10-2; B Sneddon (Scot) bt M Williams (Wales) 10-5, A Davies (Wales) bt I Graham 10-4; F O'Brien (Ire) bt T Cheppel (Wales) 10-5; G Ponting bt S Chaperon (Can) 10-5; A Ross bt E Hughes (Ire) 10-4; S Lanigan bt J Prince (N Ire) 10-8; A Hicks bt B L'Orange (Nor) 10-8; A Higgins (N Ire) bt C Kelly 10-5; M O'Sullivan bt C Wilson (Wales) 10-9; S Stanley bt D Fitzboy 10-8. Eighth qualifying round: M Couch leads S Gill 5-4; D Harold leads W Jones (Wales) 5-4; M Davis leads J Wych (Can) 5-4; S Mazrocis leads N Terry 6-3; B Morgan leads J Weston 6-1; B Sneddon (Scot) leads S Newbury (Wales) 6-3; Noppachorn leads Davies 5-4; Higgins leads Cairns 5-4; M O'Sullivan leads O'Brien 5-4; Ponting leads Ross 5-4; King leads Lanigan 5-4; R O'Sullivan leads Hicks 5-4; Henry leads Storey 5-4; L Dodd leads N Gilbert 8-1; C Thorburn (Can) leads R Lawler 5-4; S Lee leads A Hamilton 6-3.

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPUR: Asian championships: Finals: Men: Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak) bt Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) 8-10, 9-1, 7-9, 9-0, 9-4. Women: Mah Li Lian (Sing) bt S Wu (Mal) 9-5, 9-3, 4-9, 9-5.

TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: St Neots 6 BFL Grove 4; Bath 5 Launceston 5; Team Parrie 8 Sedgefield 6; Horsham Angels 10 Wynnsa 4. First division north: West Warwickshire 5 BFL Grove 3; Milton Keynes 3 Cheltenham 5; Humberside 1 Sedgefield 7; Sunderland 5 Lincoln 3. First division south: Reading 5 BFL Grove 3; Rejects 3 Brentwood 5; Pontypool 7 Haringey 3.

TENNIS

CHANDIGARH, India: Men's satellite tournament: Second round: T Henman (GB) bt I Kontenko (Russ) 7-5, 6-2; G Natekar (India) bt A Richardson (GB) 4-6, 6-3, 9-2; S Nanasi (Ger) bt B Cowan (GB) 7-5, 7-5; R Rajpal (India) bt G Henderson (GB) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. Quarter-finals: Henman bt Natekar 6-4, 0-6, 7-5.

YACHTING

WHITBREAD ROUND-THE-WORLD RACE: Leading positions (at 14:00GMT yesterday with miles to Auckland): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Winston (D Conner and B Butterworth, US) 876 miles; 2, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 879; 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 880; 4, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 885 (estimate); 5, Cellick 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Spa) 904; 6, Dolphin 4 Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 956. Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 902; 2, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 930; 3, Merk Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 974; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 1,373.

WORD-WATCHING

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DECLINOGRAPH

(b) An astronomical instrument or arrangement for automatically recording the declination of stars with a filar micrometer, irregularly from the Latin *dēclināre* (as etymon of *declination*) + *metron* measure: "Instruments for determining magnetic declination are called declination needles or declinometers."

EDMOD

(a) Gentle, humble, meek, from the OE *eadmod*, phonetic variant of *eathmod*, *eath* easy + *mod* mood: "His outward behaviour may have seemed 'umble, but beneath that edmod carapace Uriah Heep was a treacherous, deceitful and rancorous villain."

VENGESOUR

(a) An avenger, from the OF *vengisour*, Wyclif, *Leviticus xxvi*, 1382: "And I shal brynge upon yow a sword, vengesour [1388 vengere] of my boond of pees."

XIPHOSURAN

(a) Belonging to the order *Xiphosura* of *Arachnida*, including the king-crab (*Limulus*) with a long sharp telson (a tail-piece), and the extinct genus *Belinurus*, as substantive and arachnid of this order, from the Greek *xiphos* a sword + *oura* a tail: "In the Devonian no certain traces of Xiphosurans have yet been detected, but several types occur in the Carboniferous."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Rg6! 2 Qh4 (2 c5 Qc7 doesn't help) 2 ... Rh6 3 Qg5 Rh5 and the white queen has become a casualty of war.

TODAY

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Third round
Bristol City v Liverpool (7.45)
Third round, replays
Chelsea v Barnet (7.45)
Everton v Bolton
Middlesbrough v Cardiff
Notts Forest v Sheff Wed
Portsmouth v Blackburn (7.45)
Tottenham v Peterborough (7.45)

Scottish League
Premier division
Celtic v Aberdeen
Raith v St Johnstone

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City v Shelbourne (2.15).
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: League Cup: Third round, first leg: Aberystwyth v Inter Cardiff.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Dinsby v Stocksbridge.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Aston Villa v Newcastle United; Leeds United v Sunderland; York City v Blackburn Rovers. Second division: Barnsley v Scunthorpe United (7.0); Burnley v Blackpool (7.15); Port Vale v West Bromwich Albion (7.0); Tranmere Rovers v Stoke City (7.0).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Charlton Athletic v Millwall (at Welling, 7.0); Luton Town v Bristol Rovers (7.0); Southampton v Wimbledon. Postponed: Tottenham Hotspur v Oxford United. Second division: Cheltenham v Torquay United; Exeter City v Birmingham City (7.0); Swansea City v Hereford United (2.0); Yeovil Town v Plymouth Argyle (7.45). Postponed: Cardiff City v Bournemouth.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Newport AFC v Clevedon Town.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Thurrion v Chippenham.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Carlsberg Trophy: Second round: Edgware v Rainham; Feltham and Hounslow v Epsom and Ewell; Harrow v Aylesbury.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division cup: Alfreton v Curzon Ashton.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches
Army v Civil Service (2.30)
Cambridge Univ v RAF (3.0)
Mountain Ash v Llandaff (7.15)
Nuneaton v Rugby (7.15)
Royal Navy v Oxford University (2.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship
Second division
Doncaster v Ryedale York
Keighley v Barrow
Swinton v Rochdale

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European clubs' championship: Semi-final series: Guildford v Olympiakos (Gr). Budweiser League: Birmingham v Manchester; Hemel Hempstead v Thames Valley.
REAL TENNIS: World championship eliminator, second leg: Julian Snow (GB) v Robert Fahey (Aus) (at Queen's Club, London). *Best of 13 sets; Fahey won first leg 7-4*

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Championship leader under pressure as Dunwoody rekindles challenge

Maguire given four-day suspension

By Julian Muscat

ADRIAN Maguire has seen luck's pendulum swing firmly against him in the last four days. With his efforts at Warwick on Saturday hanging over his head, the Irish-born jockey found the stewards at Folkestone in less charitable mood and was yesterday banned for careless riding aboard Spikey in the Whitehall Gold Cup Novices' Chase.

The four-day suspension has come at a bad time for Maguire, who has seen his lead in the jockeys' championship steadily eroded by Richard Dunwoody, the reigning champion. Dunwoody wasted little time in rubbing salt in the wound with a 22-1 double at the same venue, clipping his rival's advantage to 31 winners by the close of racing.

Maguire will miss the important Cheltenham fixture a week on Saturday, but the tightness of his features indicated yesterday he was more concerned by the findings of the Jockey Club stewards, who will announce today whether the disciplinary committee is to examine his use of the whip on Ramstar at the weekend. A second, more lengthy riding ban would seriously compromise his championship chase.

That fear was swiftly reflected by the bookmakers. William Hill pushed Maguire out to 9-4 on from 4-1 on for the title, at the same time reducing Dunwoody from 5-2 to 13-8.

Maguire is now haunted by the same loss of personal confidence that has engulfed Dunwoody for much of the season. He has been affected by the furore surrounding the inconsistency displayed by the Warwick stewards on Saturday. Dunwoody, meanwhile, has been let off the leash. In the last two weeks, he has ridden 13 winners to Maguire's three.

The young pretender can have no complaints about his and Spikey's demotion from second to third place, for hampering Bollinger. This was a classic case of Maguire's competitive instinct landing him in trouble. Locked in a thrilling duel with Mailcom after the last fence, he knew the act of changing his whip hand would cost him any chance of victory, so he persevered, right-handed, as Spikey veered to his left. Declan Murphy had no choice but to switch Bollinger, although it was doubtful that his progress was much impeded.

Maguire would not comment on the verdict, which seemed fair on the evidence of the head-on camera. He said very little to the stewards, too, with their secretary Geoff Forster reporting: "He kept his head down, bit his lip and walked out at the end."

Mailcom, the eventual winner, was given a fine ride by Jamie Osborne after the horse simply charged at the sixth-last fence with reckless abandon. A less pronounced error at the next dropped Mailcom even further behind, but Osborne's patience finally paid off when the horse rallied strongly after jumping the third from home.

"He's good enough to go to Cheltenham but we will discuss it with the owner first," Mark Pitman, assistant to his mother Jenny, said of Mailcom. "As Jamie said, he got into a bit of trouble by jumping to his left. He will be better going left-handed, but otherwise he jumps and stays well."

Hops And Pops, a prolific winner between the flags, fared appallingly on her debut under Rules at Exeter two weeks ago. Under restraint on that occasion, the mare was given her head over a shorter trip this time, and she proved too resolute for the Josh Gifford-trained Propero, a Gold Cup entry.

Her trainer Robert Alner, has no great Cheltenham ambitions for Hops And Pops, who will run at the festival only if her future exploits warrant it. Her next outing, in better company, will be more revealing.

☐ Staunch Friend was yesterday removed from the Champion Hurdle betting after suffering an injury. Mark Tompkins's gelding, quoted at 10-1 by William Hill, has a slight tendon strain.

THE meeting at Taunton tomorrow depends on a 7.30am inspection today. Michael Trickey, the clerk of the course, said yesterday: "After heavy weekend rain and with further rain forecast, we will have to inspect." Prospects are poor.

IAN STEWART



Fools Errand, ridden by Richard Dunwoody, takes the final hurdle on the way to an emphatic victory at Folkestone yesterday

Sadler's Wells returns to Coolmore Stud

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE shareholders in Sadler's Wells face an anxious wait to see if Europe's champion sire makes a full recovery from the ailments which prompted emergency treatment in a veterinary hospital on Monday.

The 13-year-old stallion returned to Coolmore Stud yesterday after being treated by a leading English vet at Troytown hospital for intestinal problems and pain in his left hind leg. John Walmsley, whose practice is in Liphook, Hampshire, was flown to Ireland by private aircraft to attend to Sadler's Wells after he went lame on Monday and showed signs of distress and possible abdominal pain.

Sadler's Wells was anaesthatised and "rolled" — a technique used to try to dislodge any gut strangulation — and the process cured the intestinal problem. Although he was never considered to be in a life-threatening condition, Sadler's Wells is due to start covering his annual batch of mares within a month and the concern will be whether his hind leg has fully recovered.

The obvious worry is that the distress Sadler's Wells suffered on Monday could flare up again when he puts all his weight on his hind legs to carry out his covering duties. Sadler's Wells normally covers more than 200 mares at an advertised fee of Ir100,000 guineas and is considered the most potent son of the legendary Northern Dancer in Europe, if not the world.

Willie Carson, the five-times champion Flat jockey, will ride less this summer and may retire at the end of the season. His intention to wind down a riding career which has spanned five decades emerged yesterday as another weighing room stalwart confirmed his retirement from the saddle.

Hywel Davies, who partnered Last Suspect to a 50-1 victory in the 1985 Grand National, decided at the weekend to hang up his boots. He rode 761 winners during 17 years as a National Hunt jockey.

Carson, 51, said yesterday he would not be chasing mounts with his usual vigour when the Flat turf season opens in March. "I shall definitely be cutting down on the number of rides I take this year," he said. "I have no intention of sitting on 800-odd horses again. Although I shall be riding for all the people who still want me, I shall not be chasing every Tom, Dick and Harry."

Carson had his first ride as an apprentice in 1959 but had to wait three years for his initial success, on Pinkers Pond at Catterick in July 1962. He is retained by Hamdan Al-Maktoum.

He added: "I can't say for sure that this will be my last season, but I'll certainly be cutting back. I have not thought seriously about what happens when I do retire. There is no point me saying I have a burning ambition to train, because if I had I'd probably be doing it by now instead of going on as long as I have. But I'd think about it if I got a good offer."

Davies, 37, decided to finish riding on Sunday. "I am happy and sad but relieved to be getting out in one piece," he said. "It was becoming a struggle and I couldn't see another big job coming my way."

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

1.10 Konvekta King. 1.40 Pithy. 2.10 STAUNCH RIVAL (nap). 2.40 Band Sargeant. 3.10 Mariner's Air. 3.40 Factor Ten. 4.10 So Hopeful.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

1.10 MARSHBROOK NOVICES HURDLE (£1,550: 2m) (18 runners)

101 15-2121 KONVEKTA KING 28 (CD,F,S) (Konvekta Ltd) D Nicholson 5-12-0 A Maguire
102 0 CLOSE OF PLAY 28 (Mrs R Humphries) J Chugg 5-11-5 W Humphreys —
103 000 COME ON CHARLIE 28 (S Eaton) M Eckley 5-11-5 N Williamson —
104 -2/3432 EMPIRE BLUE 20 (Mrs H Innes) J Bosley 11-11-5 M Bosley 88
105 FONTANAYS 74F (Pegasus Racing Partnership) Mrs M McCourt 6-11-5 G McCourt —
106 0P/ KETFORD BRIDGE 634 (B Froome) R Dickin 7-11-5 D Meredith (3) —
107 4 MASTER TUCK 21 (Mrs C Crocker) V Bishop 8-11-5 M Richards 87
108 04- OSSIE 249 (Viscount Boyne) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 C Llewellyn 75
109 00 WHYFOR 37 (C Sorrell) S Knight 6-11-5 Mr N Moore (7) —
110 01151 RAGGERTY 33 (D,S) (Mrs C Pennington) S Coathup 4-11-2 N Bentley (3) 77
111 0/0-U15 GLENGARRA PRINCESS 78 (G) (T Wholey) D Gandolfo 7-11-0 P Holley —
112 0 RAISIN TURF 49 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-11-0 W Marston —
113 0-00 SWEET FRIENDSHIP 18 (N Jones) E Buckley 5-11-0 R Supple —
114 ACANTHUS 139F (J Wilcox) Miss S Wilton 4-10-7 B Powell —
115 6 MONAZITE 18 (Albury Racing Ltd) J McConnochie 4-10-7 R Bellamy —
116 23 SQUIRE YORK 82 (J Powell-Tuck) M Eckley 4-10-7 M A Fitzgerald 89
117 AUSTRAL JAKE 88F (C Noble) G Thorner 4-10-2 D Bridgwater —
118 RANORA (W Jenks) W Jenks 4-10-2 T Jenks (5) —

BETTING: 15-8 Konvekta King, 100-30 Empire Blue, 9-2 Squire York, 10-1 Master Tuck, 12-1 Acanthus, Raggerty, 14-1 Ossie, 20-1 others.

1993: WINTER SQUALL 5-11-5 R Dunwoody (2-1) D Nicholson 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

KONVEKTA KING beat Cawana Boy 12l in a 17-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (soft), with COME ON CHARLIE (3lb better off) tailed off 18th. EMPIRE BLUE 10l 2nd of 9 to Trying Again in a novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). MASTER TUCK 10l 4th of 12 to Roxy River in a novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good to soft). OSSIE 13l 4th of 13 to Kilkie Chief in a novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good). RAGGERTY beat Bitsan 1½l in an 8-runner selling novice handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, soft). GLEGARRA PRINCESS 8l 5th of 18 to Nightrose in a hurdle at Gowran Park (2m, good to yielding). RAISIN TURF 19l 7th of 22 to Lead Vocalist in a National Hunt flat race at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). SQUIRE YORK 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Pyrrhic Dance in a novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good).
Selection: KONVEKTA KING

1.40 RICHARDS CASTLE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,749: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

201 12F2-31 ITS NEARLY TIME 21 (B,S) Mrs R Brackenbury 11-12-0 Miss J Brackenbury (7) 94
202 2192-11 MULBANK 40 (F,G,S) (I Shaw) P Hobbs 8-11-5 C Maude 95
203 43-2821 PITHY 20 (CD,G,S) (B Owen) R Price 12-10-1 Guy Lewis (7)
204 0-P1130 PERSIAN SWORD 21 (BF,S) (P Hepworth) D Nicholson 8-10-0 A Maguire 92
205 143330 COMEDY ROAD 30 (D,BF,F,G) (Winsbury Livestock) R Lee 10-10-0 L Harvey 93

Long handicap: Persian Sword 9-13, Comedy Road 9-10.

BETTING: 2-1 Mulbank, 5-2 Its Nearly Time, 3-1 Persian Sword, 9-2 Pithy, 8-1 Comedy Road.

1993: PITHY 11-9-6 D Leahy (14-1) R Price 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ITS NEARLY TIME beat Chain Shot 6l in a 6-runner amateurs' handicap chase at Stratford (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft). MULBANK beat Dr Rocket 3l in a 4-runner conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good). PITHY beat Chiasso Forte a neck in a 6-runner amateurs' handicap chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft). PERSIAN SWORD 3¾l 3rd of 5 to Mr Felix in a handicap chase at Worcester on penultimate start (2m, heavy). COMEDY ROAD 8l 3rd of 6 to Sandybraes in an amateurs' handicap chase here on penultimate start (3m, good to firm).
Selection: ITS NEARLY TIME

2.10 WELSHPOOL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,821: 3m) (15 runners)

301 122-312 MASTER JOLSON 28 (CD,F,G) (Mrs E Roberts) D Nicholson 6-11-11 A Maguire 91
302 -134U51 STAUNCH RIVAL 41 (D,G,S) (C Humphry) G Thorner 7-11-1 D Bridgwater
303 10P-511 RABA RIBA 28 (G) (Mrs L Marsh) J Spearing 9-10-13 V Slattery —
304 416-F25 MARTELL BOY 18 (S) (D Jones) D Barons 7-10-12 J Frost 98
305 241-P62 CHIEF CELT 18 (G,S) (Mrs J Pepplatt) J King 8-10-11 G McCourt —
306 004-F23 SQUIRES PRIVILEGE 32 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) J J O'Neill 6-10-10 N Williamson 91
307 25P012 DOROBO 20 (B,S) (Lady Lewinton) T Forster 6-10-7 R Farrant (3) 98
308 2520/67 HERE COMES CHARTER 679 (Charter Racing Ltd) M Pipe 9-10-7 J Lower —
309 05-00F0 PANT LLIN 28 (F) (D Martin) F Jordan 8-10-0 R Supple 87
310 P-0F5F5 LASTOFTHEVIKINGS 20 (J Needham) J Needham 9-10-0 R Guest 88
311 000/623 MAJOR CUT 29 (Mrs P Gregson) R Buckler 8-10-0 B Powell 91
312 521P60- SOUTH STACK 257 (S) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 8-10-0 Gary Lyons —
313 P4/04P4 THE POD'S REVENGE 20 (S) (A Spruce) E Alston 9-10-0 A Procter (3) 81
314 P0/PP/0 PHYL'S LEGACY 28 (Miss A Broyd) Miss A Broyd 9-10-0 T Jenks (5) —
315 P-U3 WILD FORTUNE 48 (P Bading) P Bading 12-10-0 M A Fitzgerald —

Long handicap: Pant Llin 9-13, Lastofthevikings 9-11, Major Cut 9-11, South Stack 9-10, The Pod's Revenge 9-6, Phyl's Legacy 9-9, Wild Fortune 9-2.

BETTING: 5-1 Staunch Rival, 11-2 Master Jolson, 8-1 Chief Celt, Lastofthevikings, Raba Riba, 10-1 Dorobo, Martell Boy, 12-1 Squires Privilege, The Pod's Revenge, 14-1 others.

1993: SADDLER'S CHOICE 8-10-7 N Williamson (9-2) J Edwards 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

MASTER JOLSON 2½l 2nd of 13 to Jolly Jared in a novice handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft), with PANT LLIN (3lb better off) 38l 7th, PHYL'S LEGACY (3lb worse off) 6l 8th and LASTOFTHEVIKINGS tailed off at halfway. STAUNCH RIVAL beat Road To Fame 10l in a 13-runner novice handicap chase at Taunton (3m, good to soft). RABA RIBA beat Have A Nightcap neck in a 15-runner handicap hurdle at Southwell (AW, 3m, standard). MARTELL BOY 8l 2nd of 7 to Playful Juliet in a novice chase at Uttoxeter on penultimate start (2m 7f, heavy). DOROBO beat 2nd of 7 to Valeda II in a novice handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2f, soft), with LASTOFTHEVIKINGS 10l 3rd and THE POD'S REVENGE (2lb worse off) 21½l 4th. MAJOR CUT 8½l 3rd of 7 to Maggots Green in a novice handicap chase at Hereford (2m, heavy).
Selection: MASTER JOLSON

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Nicholson	15	53	28.3	B Powell	6	17	35.3
K Bailey	8	33	24.2	M Richards	4	14	28.6
Miss H Knight	6	27	22.2	J Frost	5	20	25.0
M Pipe	10	47	21.3	M A Fitzgerald	3	12	25.0
D Barons	5	30	16.7	J Osborne	6	25	24.0
R Price	5	30	16.7	N Williamson	13	75	17.3

2.40 CHURCH STRETTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,697: 2m) (8 runners)

401 146-403 COBB GATE 20 (B,G) (Red House Racing) B Stevens 6-11-9 M Stevens (3) 92
402 3P-2225 BAND SARGEANT 33 (E Madden) G Richards 5-11-5 N Leach
403 462003 WINGED WHISPER 33 (K Tomlinson) J Pickering 5-11-5 P McLoughlin (3) 92
404 00-0405 ALTO PRINCESS 82 (Miss B Small) C Jones 5-11-0 D Meredith 89
405 3 MINI FETE 29 (T Hooper) K Burke 5-11-0 N Juckes (5) 89
406 P MANDALIA MELODY 82 (F Phillips) D McCain 4-10-7 D Walsh —
407 4 MARSHALL PINDARI 19 (Mrs J Salt) T Bill 4-10-7 R Davis 81
408 PLAIN SAILING 41 (M Meade) M Meade 4-10-7 W Marston —

BETTING: 3-1 Band Sargeant, Mini Fete, 7-2 Cobb Gate, 9-2 Winged Whisper, 6-1 Marshall Pindari, 7-1 Alto Princess, 16-1 Plain Sailing, 33-1 Mandalia Melody.

1993: EDWARD SEYMOUR 6-11-5 W Marston (15-8 fav) W Jenks 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

COBB GATE 20l 3rd of 10 to Peacock Feather in a selling hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, heavy). BAND SARGEANT 12½l 5th of 15 to Greenacres Lad in a claiming hurdle at Catterick (2m, good to soft). WINGED WHISPER 9½l 3rd of 8 to Raggerty in a novice selling handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, soft). ALTO PRINCESS 21½l 5th of 12 to Distant Memory in a novice claiming handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to firm). MINI FETE 10l 3rd of 13 to Derrymoss in a conditional jockeys' novice selling hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, heavy). MARSHALL PINDARI 29l 4th of 11 to Touch Silver in a selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy).
Selection: BAND SARGEANT

3.10 LONGMYND NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,938: 2m 5f 110yd) (18 runners)

501 452 MAKES ME GOOSEY 18 (Allorshire Ltd) Mrs I McKie 6-11-10 L Harvey 91
502 P-02111 DERRYMOSS 16 (V,S) (Mrs J Watts) M Pipe 8-11-9 T Dascombe (7) 97
503 8-51041 MOBILE MESSENGER 20 (S) (J Wilcox) D Barons 6-11-7 J Frost 88
504 5535 HENRY VILL 23 (BF) (Rambo Racing) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-7 C Llewellyn 95
505 0FP361 LITTLE THYNE 16 (S) (Mrs T Pritchard) P Pritchard 9-11-3 Dr P Pritchard 96
506 P0043-0 AURORA LAD 40 (D Lever) Mrs S Smith 7-11-2 R Guest 98
507 0-54921 ALICE SMITH 28 (CD,S) (Mrs J Eckley) B Eckley 7-11-2 W McFarland
508 050-04 MARINER'S AIR 21 (Mrs P Badger) J Spearing 7-11-1 W Marston 92
509 02-132P OK RECORDS 41 (G) (S Bristow) M Williams 7-11-0 N Mann 89
510 P-00 FILE VESTRY 16 (The Jet Stationery Company Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 I Lawrence 90
511 0/02-543 LANSDOWNE 23 (R Denmead) G Ham 6-10-13 A Maguire 93
512 P0UP- HIGH BEACON 324 (B) (K Bailey) K Bailey 7-10-12 N Williamson —
513 83/6P0-F CARLINGFORD BELLE 47 (J Needham) J Needham 8-10-10 R J Beggan 91
514 0234-52 CHERYLS PET 16 (P Partridge) R Buckler 8-10-10 B Powell 98
515 0150SP DARINGLY 8 (G) (Albury Racing Ltd) J McConnochie 5-10-10 R Bellamy 92
516 50/46-6 THE PORTSOY LOON 34 (Mrs E Crossman) G Thorner 7-10-9 D Bridgwater 94
517 00-084 ROSEN THE BEAU 56 (B) (Miss F Fletcher) N Gaselee 6-10-7 R Supple 89
518 0-P844U THE JET SET 19 (V) (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 7-10-6 V Slattery 92

BETTING: 4-1 Derrymoss, 7-1 Cheryls Pet, Little Thyne, 8-1 Henry Vill, 10-1 Alice Smith, The Portsoy Loon, 12-1 Makes Me Goosey, 16-1 Lansdowne, 20-1 others.

1993: MELEAGRIS 9-11-1 R Dunwoody (9-1) D Nicholson 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAKES ME GOOSEY 2l 2nd of 5 to Ottoman Empire in a novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, soft). Previously, 24l 4th of 15 to Reltoel in a novice hurdle at Towcester (2m, heavy), with THE PORTSOY LOON (15lb better off) 10l 6th. DERRYMOSS beat CHERYLS PET (1lb better off) a short-head in a 16-runner novice handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy). MOBILE MESSENGER beat Blue Lyzander 4l in an 11-runner novice selling handicap hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, heavy). HENRY VILL 6l 3rd of 10 to Ivy House in a novice hurdle at Market Rasen on penultimate start (3m, soft). LITTLE THYNE beat Borrelo 12l in a 6-runner novice claiming hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). ALICE SMITH beat Caragh Bridge 10l in a 16-runner novice handicap hurdle over course and distance (soft). MARINER'S AIR 20½l 4th of 12 to Butler's Twitch in a novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good to soft). FILE VESTRY 22½l 7th of 14 to Mister Nova in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft). OK RECORDS 5l 2nd of 19 to Sir Pageant in a novice claiming hurdle at Worcester on penultimate start (2m 5f 110yd, good). LANSDOWNE 9½l 3rd of 12 to Daves Delight in a novice handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, heavy). ROSEN THE BEAU 24l 4th of 8 to Nefarious in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good).
Selection: HENRY VILL

3.40 TELFORD NOVICES CHASE (£2,717: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

601 340/1 BINKLEY 19 (S) (R Rainbow) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-9 C Llewellyn 72
602 0PP CASTLE WARRIOR 14 (M Lloyd) M Lloyd 7-11-5 T Wall —
603 63131-2 FACTOR TEN 63 (C,BF,S) (Premier Cups Ltd) Miss H Knight 6-11-5 J Osborne
604 00/111-3 KNAVE OF CLUBS 11 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs M O'Shea) J O'Shea 7-11-5 D Bridgwater 97
605 3-6PF3P MICKEEN 21 (B,F,G) (T Shrimpton) Miss H Knight 7-11-5 M A Fitzgerald 83
606 08815-6 PERCY SMOLLETT 51 (D,F) (R Murray) J McConnochie 6-11-5 R Bellamy —
607 42-2423 RIVER MANDATE 19 (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 7-11-5 B Powell 98
608 2130-15 SMITH TOO 69 (D,F) (Smith Mansfield Meat Co Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-5 I Lawrence —

BETTING: 9-4 Factor Ten, 3-1 Knave Of Clubs, 4-1 Binkley, Smith Too, 5-1 River Mandate, 12-1 Percy Smollett, 20-1 others.

1993: BAY RUFFIAN 7-11-11 P Scudamore (8-13 fav) M Pipe 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

BINKLEY beat Underwychwood 7l in a 4-runner novice chase at Leicester (3m, soft). FACTOR TEN 2l 2nd of 7 to Some Day Soon in a novice chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). KNAVE OF CLUBS 3¾l 3rd of 11 to Honest Word in a novice chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft). MICKEEN 7l 3rd of 11 to Maggots Green in a claiming novice chase at Exeter on penultimate start (2m 2f, heavy). PERCY SMOLLETT 59½l 15th of 18 to Kadi in a handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). RIVER MANDATE 31½l 3rd of 6 to Mudahim in a novice chase at Newbury (3m, heavy). SMITH TOO 11½l 5th of 12 to Fair Brother in a handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, good).
Selection: FACTOR TEN (nap)

4.10 BROOME STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,644: 2m) (18 runners)

1 DIAMOND FLIER (Executive Racing Partnership) Miss H Knight 5-11-7 D Meredith (3) —
2 FILTHY REESH (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 T Jenks (5) —
3 FUN SPORT (D Halsall Plc) Mrs A Hewitt 5-11-7 S Wynne (3) —
4 HOODWINKER (W Jenks) W Jenks 5-11-7 W Marston —
5 LIGHTENING LAD (R Paterson) J King 6-11-7 Mr E James (7) —
6 POLAR RHAPSODY (Mrs L Dresher) Miss H Knight 5-11-7 Mr J M Pritchard —
7 PONSO WARING (Mrs J Paulharer) Miss H Knight 5-11-7 R Farrant (3) —
8 SEA SCAMP (W Jenks) W Jenks 6-11-7 Mr G Haine (7) —
9 SO HOPEFUL (M Padfield) D Barons 5-11-7 R Davis (3) —
10 THE PADRE (T Shrimpton) Miss H Knight 5-11-7 J McCarthy (5) —
11 VILLAINS BRIEF (J Mackrell) M Meagher 5-11-7 N Bentley (3) —
12 YOULEDOFERMEE (I Lawrence) E Alston 5-11-7 S Knott (7) —
13 PINBER (G Giddings) G Giddings 6-11-2 Mr S Mulcaire (7) —
14 CORPORATE IMAGE (Mrs F Cronin) W Brisbourne 4-10-10 A Flannigan (7) —
15 COURTOWN BOY (J Costlon) O O'Neill 4-10-10 Mr G Hogan (7) —
16 DREAM START (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 4-10-10 R Wilkinson (7) —
17 MENDIP SON (Mrs B Davis) N Williams 4-10-10 D Matthews (5) —
18 CARLINGFORD LASS (P Cooper) F Jordan 4-10-5 M Doyle (7) —

BETTING: 2-1 Filthy Reesh, 11-4 So Hopeful, 12-1 Diamond Flier, Polar Rhapsody, Ponso Waring, The Padre, 16-1 Carlingford Lass, 20-1 others.

1993: MARSHALL SPARKS 6-11-7 M Foster (9-1) M Pipe 18 ran

Japan to approve foreign runners

JAPAN is expected to open its five classic races to foreign horses, probably in 1997. "We would like to let them compete in the classics and not discriminate against them," an official of the Japan Racing Association (JRA) said yesterday.

Foreign runners are banned from the classics to *protect local breeders*. The move is the latest response by Japan to growing foreign pressure to open its lucrative racing industry to international competition. In 1992 the JRA announced an eight-year plan aimed at admitting foreign horses to a total of 12 races by 1999.

Another five races have been opened from this season, although the valuable Japan Cup has been an open race for several years.

The JRA had also decided to ease curbs on foreign jockeys, who will be able to obtain a licence valid for up to three months, granted certain conditions, notably guarantees of work.

Despite a severe recession, the Japanese racing industry is going from strength to strength. Last year, sales of pari-mutuel tickets were up 3.6 per cent on 1992.

Nearer home, a new sponsor has been found for the St Leger, the world's oldest classic, but the name will not be announced until next week. The backer, who is thought not to have been previously involved in racing sponsorship, replaces Coalite, which decided not to renew its three-year involvement.

One of Scotland's leading jump races, the West Of *Scotland Pattern Novices'* Chase at Ayr, is to be sponsored by the Mason Organisation, which includes the running of social clubs and amusement centres among its interests.

Norman Mason, the company chairman, is the leading permit trainer this season with 11 winners. He aims to have an entry in the race, won in 1992 by the subsequent Gold Cup winner, Jodami.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: The Portsoy Loon (3.10 Ludlow)
Next best: Staunch Rival (2.10 Ludlow)

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

1.15 Pridwell. 1.55 Doualago. 2.25 Green's Seago. 2.55 Tristan's Comet. 3.25 Baltic Exchange. 3.55 Flyaway.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.55 TRISTAN'S COMET.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

1.25 TOM BROWN JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,553: 2m) (5 runners)

1 1 PRIDWELL 7 (CD,G) M Pipe 11-5 R Dunwoody
2 0 BLUE TRUMPET 19F B Palling 10-12 R Greene —
3 53 ALYVAIR 81 M Ryan 10-7 J Ryan 87
4 QUIET CONFIDENCE 99F J Mullins 10-7 S Curran (5) —
5 3FP5 SYLVAN STARLIGHT 12 J Bradley 10-7 M Hourigan 98

2-7 Pridwell, 5-1 Alyvair, 7-1 Sylvan Starlight, 12-1 Quiet Confidence, 20-1 Blue Trumpet.

1.55 OLIVER SELLING HURDLE (£1,861: 2m 6f) (7)

1 5213 LAFANTA 21 (C,BF,G) J Wade 5-11-10 K Jones 77
2 -632 CELTIC BOB 14 (C,BF,F,G,S) O O'Neill 14-11-5 P Maddock (7) 80
3 0-5P CLASSIC STATEMENT 109 (F,S) J Hellens 8-11-5 M Hourigan 85
4 0 RAKES OF MALLOW 40 O Prince 7-11-5 D Gallagher —
5 23F1 DOUALAGO 9 (B,CD,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-2 R Dunwoody 88
6 4320 JOLI'S GREAT 13 (B,BF,G) M Ryan 6-11-0 J Ryan 94
7 040U SERAPHIM 13 (F,G) A Harrison 5-11-0 S Taylor (7)

11-10 Doualago, 4-1 Seraphim, 11-2 Celtic Bob, 6-1 Classic Statement, Joli's Great, 10-1 Lafanta, 33-1 Rakes of Mallow.

2.25 GREAT EXPECTATIONS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,553: 2m 2f) (9)

1 -053 SCRABO VIEW 33 J Curtis 6-11-10 L O'Hara 87
2 0024 RAFTERS 20 J Bradley 5-11-8 R Dunwoody 90
3 000- ANARUKA 372 C Price 6-11-6 S Earle —
4 04P0 GRAND RAPIDS 41 (D,G) Miss S Wilton 7-10-9 T Eley (5) 96
5 001P DAMCADA 23 (S) D Wardle 6-10-7 M Hourigan 96
6 1313 GREEN'S SEAGO 7 (C,G) J Harris 6-10-7 D Gallagher 91
7 4540 RUTH'S GAMBLE 13 (G) Mrs L Jewell 6-10-6 Mr B Pollock (7) 98
8 0050 WESTCOURT FLYER 33 M W Easterby 5-10-2 J Driscoll (7) —
9 06-3 CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 14 (BF) O O'Neill 6-10-0 J Ryan

5-2 Rafters, 3-1 Green's Seago, 7-2 Scrabo View, 7-1 Carlingford Lights, Grand Rapids, 9-1 Westcourt Flyer, 10-1 Damcada, 11-1 Ruth's Gamble, 20-1 Anaruka.

2.55 NICHOLAS NICKELBY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,977: 2m) (7)

1 1001 AUVILLAR 2F (V,D,G,S) D Burchell 6-11-11 D J Burchell 89
2 -253 SASKIA'S HERO 9 (D,G,S) J Bottomley 7-11-11 D Byrne 89
3 4353 SECRET LIASON 54 (D,G) K Bridgwater 8-10-12 R Dunwoody 98
4 0311 TRISTAN'S COMET 7 (CD,G) J Harris 7-10-12 (6ex) B Dalton
5 PPP6 SANTA PONSA BAY 7 (D,G) Mrs L Jewell 7-10-10 J Railton —
6 5253 SPANISH WHISPER 4 (D,G,S) J Bostock 7-10-8 J Twomey (5) 95
7 00P0 SMART DEBUTANTE 21 (D,F) Miss S Wilton 5-10-2 T Eley (5) 94

13-8 Tristan's Comet, 7-2 Auvillar, 9-2 Saskia's Hero, 8-1 Secret Liason, Spanish Whisper, 12-1 Smart Debutante, 14-1 Santa Ponsa Bay.

3.25 SCROOGE MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,553: 2m 4f) (11)

1 3/0- TOP PRIZE 340 M Brittain 6-11-12 S Mason (7) —
2 0P3 BALTIC EXCHANGE 9 M Pipe 5-11-10 R Dunwoody 96
3 P032 CROOKED DEALER 14 (BF) S Sherwood 7-11-10 G Upton 86
4 -P06 GENERAL SHOT 43 W Clay 9-11-8 Diane Clay —
5 -400 GOLDEN BANKER 84 J Wade 6-11-8 K Jones —
6 0P6U THANKSFORTHEOFFER 9 (V) I Jones 6-11-6 A Thornton (3) 91
7 000 KNOCKREIGH CROSS 20 B Rothwell 5-11-3 G Cahill (7) —
8 -0P4 GLENSTAL PRIORY 54 S Avery 7-11-1 D Gallagher 94
9 4203 OMIDJOY 7 J Jenkins 4-10-4 W J Walsh (7)
10 F0 NYMPH ERRANT 6 S Knight 4-10-3 M Hourigan —
11 8P NEWGATESKY 49 B Murray 4-10-0 W Dwan —

7-4 Baltic Exchange, 5-2 Crooked Dealer, 6-1 Glenstal Priory, 13-2 Omidjoy, 10-1 General Shot, 14-1 Knockreigh Cross, 20-1 Top Prize, 25-1 Golden Banker, 33-1 others.

3.55 JANE EYRE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,970: 3m) (6)

1 0-33 ST VILLE 7 (CD,G,S) J Curtis 8-11-10 S Mason (7) 97
2 104- BOREEN JEAN 251 (D,F,G,S) K Bridgwater 10-11-10 R Dunwoody 90
3 2403 ALREEF 13 (V,BF,G,S) T Thomson Jones 8-11-7 A Thornton (3)
4 -222 FLYAWAY 7 (C,BF,F,G) J Harris 9-11-0 D Gallagher 98
5 3661 CHAPEL HILL 14 (C,G) D Burchell 6-10-11 D J Burchell 91
6 -655 VAZON EXPRESS 28 P Dalton 8-10-0 D Winter (7) 88

3-1 St Ville, 100-30 Flyaway, 7-2 Alreef, 4-1 Chapel Hill, 9-2 Boreen Jean, 20-1 Vazon Express.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Hellens, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M Pipe, 19 from 67, 28.4%, T Thomson Jones, 8 from 29, 27.6%, W Clay, 18 from 83, 21.7%, J Harris, 25 from 144, 17.4%, D Wintle, 4 from 25, 16.0%; K Bridgwater, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

JOCKEYS: S Mason, 7 winners from 13 rides, 53.8%, Diane Clay, 24 from 57, 42.1%, B Dalton, 8 from 48, 16.7%, R Dunwoody, 8 from 51, 15.7%; D J Burchell, 10 from 65, 15.4%; J Twomey, 3 from 21, 14.3%; Gary Lyons, 12 from 115, 10.4%.

☐ Epsom trainer Simon Dow runs Confronter at Cagnes-sur-Mer today.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Folkestone

Going: soft, heavy patches (chase course), heavy, soft in back straight (hurdles)

1.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, FOOLS ERRAND (R Dunwoody, 6-5 fav); 2, Biljan (W J Walsh, 11-2); 3, Without A Flag (A Maguire, 7-4). ALSO RAN: 10 Aramon (4th), 50 Brighton Breezy (5th). 5 ran. NR: Karar. 30l, 2l, 12l, dist. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £4.20. DF: £2.70. CSF: £7.16.

1.30 (2m 5f ch) 1, BOWL OF OATS (Mr J Rees, 7-2); 2, Old Road (Mr G Hogan, 11-2); 3, Baby Hayes (Mr J Durkan, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Rockmount Rose (4th), 7 Guildway, 12 Macho Man, 20 On Your Way (5th), 33 Brora Rose (6th). 8 ran. 2½l, 2½l, 4l, ½l, sh hd. A Turnell at Wantage. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £13.20. CSF: £21.61. Tricast: £57.83.

2.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, TOP WAVE (M A Fitzgerald, 7-2); 2, Famous Dancer (A Maguire, 6-1); 3, Djebel Prince (J Osborne, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Handsome Ned (6th), 8 Scent Of Battle (5th), 33 Canikins (4th). 6 ran. 4l, 5l, 6l, ¾l, 8l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £3.10; £2.10, £4.70. DF: £20.30. CSF: £21.38.

2.30 (3m 2f ch) 1, MAILCOM (J Osborne, 10-11 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Bollinger (D Murphy, 4-1); 3, Spikey (A Maguire, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Judges Fancy (4th), 11 Dukes Son (pu), 12 Sayyure (5th), 25 Miss Muire (ur). 7 ran. 2½l, hd, 30l, 15l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £1.70. CSF: £5.78. Spikey finished second but following a stewards' enquiry was placed third.

3.00 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, NAZZARO (R Dunwoody, 9-1); 2, Bay Mischief (C Llewellyn, 2-9 fav); 3, Dutch Monarch (A Maguire, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 50 Bourne Lane (4th), 66 Grand Colonist (pu), Lewesdon Princess (pu). 6 ran. 8l, 12l, dist. W G M Turner at Sherborne. Tote: £5.10; £2.40, £1.10. DF: £2.00. CSF: £11.33.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, HOPS AND POPS (S Earle, 3-1); 2, Propero (D Murphy, 2-1); 3, Cambo (D Skyrme, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Roc Color (4th), 50 Lzella (f), 66 Dovehill (5th), Draw Lots (pu). 7 ran. 4l, 8l, 1½l, dist. R Alner at Blandford Forum. Tote: £5.30; £1.70, £1.40. DF: £8.50. CSF: £9.11.

4.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, THE GOLFING CURATE (G McCourt, 9-2); 2, Tynron Doon (A Maguire, 3-1); 3, Twist 'n' Scu (C Llewellyn, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Per Quod (pu), 11-2 Irish Tan (5th), 13-2 Kobyrun (pu), 33 Letts Green (4th). 7 ran. Dist, 1½l, 3½l, 20l. R Rowe at Storrington. Tote: £5.10; £3.50, £2.60. DF: £7.80. CSF: £18.40.

Placepot: £40.50.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.45 (1m 5f) 1, SPECIAL RISK (Paul Eddery, 25-1); 2, Kanyatta (L Dettori, 9-2); 3, Long Furlong (T Quinn, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Cliburnel News (6th), 7-2 Jeroboam, 10 Arm Hill (4th), 33 Findon Academy (5th), Overnight Success. 8 ran. 8l, 8l, 4l, 1½l, 1½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £30.40; £2.60, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £17.40. CSF: £123.89.

2.15 (7f) 1, LEVIATHAN MYSTERY (L Dettori, 11-4); 2, Ovalworld (Paul Eddery, 2-1 fav); 3, Encore Senor (L Carter, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Mokate, 12 Swagger Lady (6th), 14 Storm Bidder (4th), 16 Buckley Boys, Classical, 20 Old Hook (5th), 25 Who's Crying Now, 33 Lorelei Rock, Sound Man Jimack. 12 ran. Shd, 6l, 1l, 4l, ¾l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £1.90, £2.70. DF: £7.80. CSF: £9.26.

2.45 (1m) 1, JUST HARRY (P McCabe, 7-4 fav); 2, Rockstine (J Quinn, 25-1); 3, Nordence Prince (J Williams, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Playing Tricks (6th), 5 Lone Risk (4th), 15-2 Maz (5th). 6 ran. 4l, 5l, 7l, 20l, 1l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £3.40. DF: £41.20. CSF: £29.15.

3.15 (5f) 1, HINARI VIDEO (J Weaver, 15-8 fav); 2, Lady Roxanne (L Dettori, 5-1); 3, Tee-Emm (L Carter, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Serious Hurry (4th), 6 Palium (5th), 8 Indy Express (6th), Pat Poindestres. 7 ran. 1l, hd, 1½l, hd, 8l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £2.60; £1.80, £2.40. DF: £7.60. CSF: £11.46.

3.45 (6f) 1, MOUJEEB (L Dettori, 9-2); 2, Distant Dynasty (D Wright, 10-1); 3, Red Admiral (J Weaver, 8-15 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Honey Vision (4th), 20 Mississippi Maid, 25 Belmorn (6th), Keating, 50 Hohne Garrison (5th). 8 ran. 3½l, 4l, nk, ¾l, 4l. Pat Mitchell at Newmarket. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £2.80, £1.10. DF: £13.20. CSF: £43.44.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, EXHIBIT AIR (D O'Neill, 13-2); 2, Don't Drop Bombs (J Tate, 5-1); 3, Precious Air (L Suthern, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Rising Wolf, 11-2 Gold Blade, 15-2 Northern Conqueror, 12 Merseyside Man, 14 Savings Bank, 16 Castle Bidder (4th), Mexican Dancer, 33 Lucknam Dreamer, Melisio (6th), Share A Moment (5th), Treble Lass. 14 ran. Hd, 12l, 1l, nk, ½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £9.50; £4.50, £1.50, £4.90. DF: £13.40. Trio: £69.80. CSF: £37.46. Tricast: £320.56.

Jackpot: £76,584.80. Placepot: £17.70.

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Seeds stumble in first round of Australian Open in Melbourne

Korda and Stich find life tough at the top

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

ONE month ago, Petr Korda and Michael Stich stood at the pinnacle of the tennis profession. Yesterday, they were reduced to discards, two of the 128 competitors with nothing to do at Flinders Park but watch the rest of the Australian Open unfold without them.

Korda, a wholly unexpected winner of the Grand Slam Cup in Munich, had supposedly entered the big-time. Yet his challenge for the Australian title lasted less than two hours and was so full of mistakes — 62 unforced errors, including 11 double faults — that he might have been relishing the prospect of a fortnight's break. He lost 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 to Thomas Enqvist.

Enqvist, though only 19, has already accumulated sufficient wealth to leave his native Stockholm and live in Monte Carlo. Before turning professional three years ago, he was



Enqvist: overpowering

rated the best junior in the world, a status based on his Wimbledon and Australian titles.

Korda is not his first notable victim. In September, he knocked Andre Agassi out of the first round of the United States Open. Korda, though, conceded he had been overpowered. Five days short of his 26th birthday, he reflected on the laws of sporting gravity. "You go up very slowly," the eighth seed said, "and you can go down very fast." Stich later plumbed the same depths.

The leader of Germany's triumphant Davis Cup team, and winner of the ATP championship in Frankfurt, his run of success towards the end of the year was halted only by Korda in the Grand Slam Cup final. The second seed was regarded as the main threat to Sampras here yet he lasted little more than 2½ hours against MaliVai Washington, one of the highest ranked unseeded players in the field. "I didn't know what I was doing out there," Stich said. "Sometimes I didn't even know what the score was." It finished 7-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Three years ago, Washington, the first black American in the men's top 20 since Arthur Ashe, took the first two sets against Stich here but was unable to hold on to the lead. Only briefly did it appear that he again might be caught and overtaken.

Constantly muttering at line calls that he was convinced were dubious, if not erroneous, Stich rallied in the middle of the third set after he had already been broken. But his resistance soon subsided.

The fall of Korda and Stich has cleared the path for Stefan Edberg, in particular. The No 4 seed and the beaten finalist in the last two years, who beat Javier Sánchez with the minimum of fuss yesterday, had been scheduled to meet either Korda or Stich in the semi-finals.

He could instead find himself competing with one of his fellow Swedes. Including Mats Wilander, three times the former winner of the title, and Enqvist, a youngster he is prepared to assist, there are four Swedish players in the bottom section of the draw.

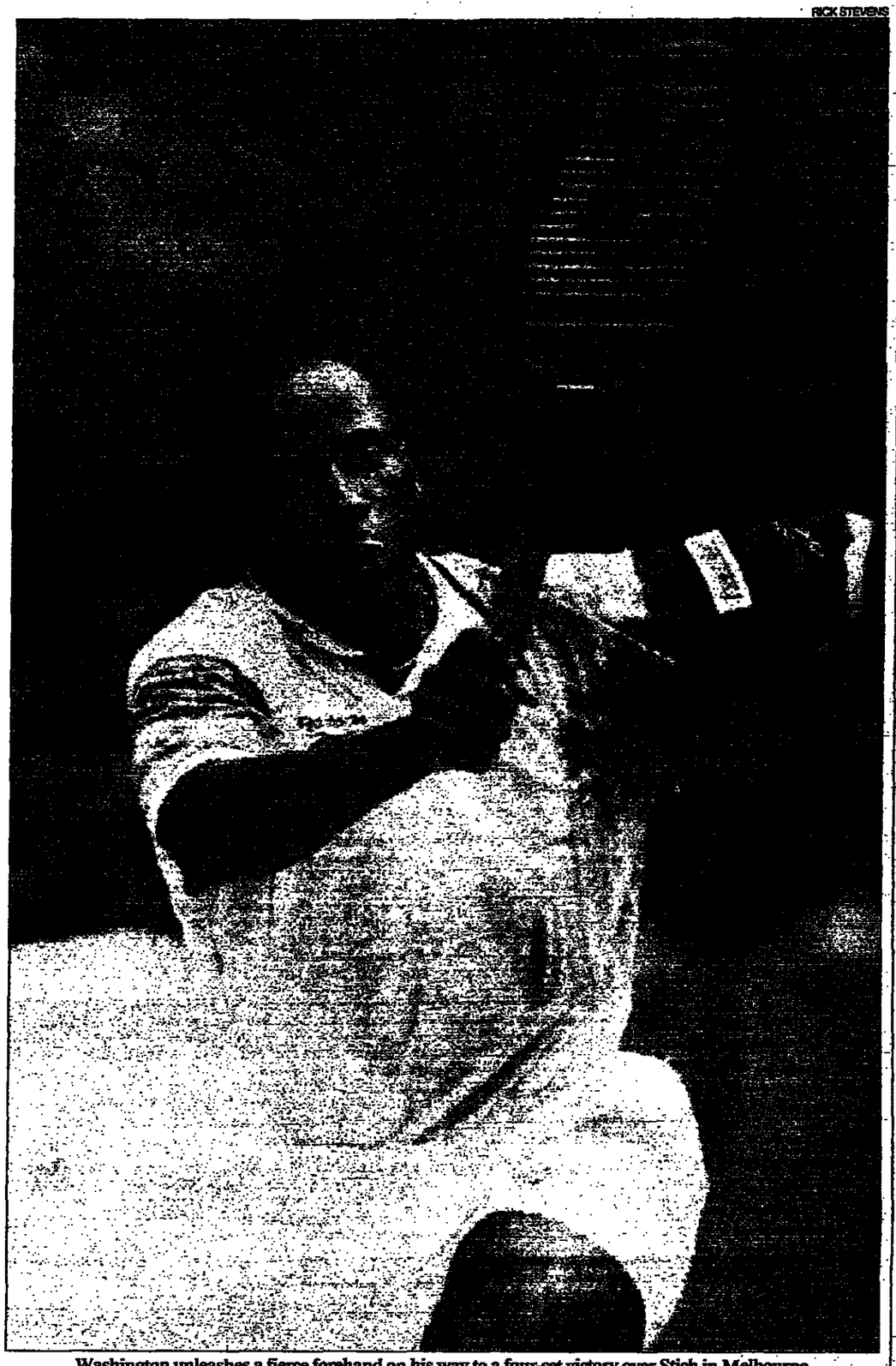
Another Swede, Christian Bergstrom, was a victim of an extraordinary sequence of ailments. He was one of four players forced to retire in the middle of a match. His complaint was tonsilitis. So was Bernd Karbacher's. Steve Bryan was suffering from an eye infection and Neil Borwik from a stomach upset.

Borwik was not the only Australian casualty. The hosts have lost two-thirds of their contingent already, including Wally Masur, their highest ranked player. In an improbable first-round draw featuring both of the beaten finalists in the US Open, he was defeated by Alexander Volkov, the twelfth seed, in straight sets.

☐ Boris Becker, the winner of the Wimbledon men's singles title on three occasions, yesterday became a father for the first time when his wife, Barbara, gave birth to a boy. "We're all delighted," Becker said outside the private Munich hospital where his wife gave birth to a 7lb 7oz son.

Becker is taking a break from the game for the first month of his son's life.

RICK STEVENS



Washington unleashes a fierce forehand on his way to a four-set victory over Stich in Melbourne

RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: T Enqvist (Swe) bt P Korda (Cz) 6-3, 6-4, 7-6; W Ferreira (SA) bt F Meligeni (Br) 6-4, 6-3, 7-6; D Vacek (Cz) bt C Bergstrom (Swe) 6-3, 1-1, ret; A Gaudenzi (It) bt K Braasch (Ger) 6-4, 6-2, 6-0; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt S Bryan (US) 4-5, ret; A Volkov (Russ) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; B Steven (NZ) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-2, 5-2, ret; N Kulti (Swe) bt J Fleurian (Fr) 6-4, 6-2, 7-5; D Rikl (Cz) bt M Larsson (Swe) 1-6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-0; X Daufresne (Bel) bt T Johansson (Swe) 6-7, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3;

S Edberg (Swe) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 6-3, 6-0, 6-3; J Palmer (US) bt D Prinosil (Ger) 6-7, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4; J Morgan (Aus) bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt R Smith (Bah) 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4; S Stolle (Aus) bt S Lareau (Can) 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; T Martin (US) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 6-3, 7-6, 6-2; P Rafter (Aus) bt P Wekesa (Ken) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; T Ely Ayerout (Ger) bt J Borwick (Aus) 6-1, 6-2, ret; H Holm (Swe) bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; L Jonsson (Swe) bt B Black (Zim) 6-3, 7-5, 6-4;

M Washington (US) bt M Stich (Ger) 7-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; J Stingh (Holl) bt C Gomez (US) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; A Mronz (Ger) bt P Kiddany (Aus) 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt J Sullivan (US) 6-7, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-3; T Muster (Austria) bt R Weiss (US) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; A Boetsch (Fr) bt R Blake (US) 6-2, 6-4, 6-0; J Siemerink (Holl) bt M Zoeke (Ger) 6-3, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; A Cherkasov (Russ) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 6-1, 2-6, 6-1, 7-5; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt K Thorne (US) 3-6, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; R Fromberg (Aus) bt P McEnroe (US) 1-6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: K Boogert (Holl) bt M Bollegraf (Holl) 6-3, 6-3; E Makarova (Russ) bt S Wasserman (Bel) 6-4, 6-3; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt K Godridge (Aus) 6-4, 6-3; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt K Habsudova (Slovakia) 6-1, 6-3; P Fendick (US) bt Y Krizan (Slovenia) 6-4, 6-4;

A Frazier (US) bt L Smylie (Aus) 6-1, 2-6, 6-2; K Date (Japan) bt K Rinaldi Stunkel (US) 6-1, 6-1; W Probst (Ger) bt P Langrova (Cz) 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; S Wang (China) bt A Keller (US) 5-4, 6-0; C Martinez (Sp) bt N Zvereva (Belo) 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; J Novotna (Cz) bt F Li (China) 6-1, 6-3;

M J Fernandez (US) bt E Hakami (US) 6-4, 6-3; M McGrath (US) bt L Neiland (Lat) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; D Graham (US) bt R Stubbs (Aus) 3-6, 7-5, 6-0; R McQuillan (Aus) bt P Ritter (Austria) 6-1, 6-3; P Shriver (US) bt L Courtois (Bel) 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; L Raymond (US) bt M Cremans (Holl) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; K Radford (Aus) bt J Husarova (Slovakia) 3-6, 7-6, 7-5; G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Rottier (Holl) 7-6, 6-3;

N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) 6-4, 6-1; J Taylor (Aus) bt C Vis (Holl) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; B Rainsadter (Austria) bt S Stafford (US) 6-2, 6-4; N Medvedeva (Lkz) bt N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) 7-5, 6-2; G Fernandez (US) bt N Kijmuda (Japan) 6-1, 6-4; F Labat (Arg) bt V Ruano-Pascual (Sp) 6-3, 6-1; A Smashnova (Isr) bt R Dragomir (Rom) 6-2, 6-0; T Ignatieva (Belo) bt M Mroz (Pol) 6-1, 6-2; M Pierce (Fr) bt N Baudone (It) 6-2, 6-1.

Tufnell treated for shoulder problem

PHIL Tufnell has given England the first injury scare of their West Indies cricket tour. The left-arm spinner went to see a specialist in Antigua yesterday because of a problem with his left shoulder, which prevents him from throwing but does not affect his bowling. Tufnell, who had a cortisone injection, will rest for two days but it is hoped he will be available for the first match, which starts on Sunday.

England's preparations for the tour were yesterday praised by Vivian Richards, the former West Indies captain. "Their build-up has been better then ours," he said. After predicting that the series would be "much closer than a lot of people think", he said that Curtly Ambrose, the fast bowler, was likely to decide the contest in favour of West Indies.

"It has been said for a number of years that West Indian sides might be too tired for this series or that series," Richards said. "But I do know that the sort of passion Curtly shows can eliminate any feeling of tiredness."

Lamerton waiting

RUGBY UNION: Andrew Lamerton, the Wales and Llanelli hooker, will discover next week whether he has played his last game. He is waiting for a diagnosis from a specialist on a back problem that has plagued him for two years. He hurt his back getting into a bath after a game and has endured kidney and what are thought may be rib problems. Lamerton, who has won five caps, withdrew from the replacements' bench for the five nations' championship game against Scotland last Saturday after suffering a reaction to a pain-killing muscle relaxant.

Moser fails again

CYCLING: Chris Boardman's world one-hour unpaced record remained intact yesterday after the Italian, Francesco Moser, abandoned his second attempt in three days in Mexico City. Moser, who failed by 430 metres on Saturday to improve Boardman's figures of 52.270km, set at Bordeaux last July, abandoned his attempt yesterday soon after the 10km mark because of a rising breeze and cold conditions. Moser, 42, who took the record ten years ago on the same track, said he was considering a third attempt today if conditions were favourable.

Higgins impresses

SNOOKER: Alex Higgins established a 5-4 lead over Andrew Cairns in the last 64 of the Embassy world championship at Blackpool yesterday. Higgins, who needed to beat Cairns and negotiate one more qualifying round to earn a place at the Crucible Theatre in April, compiled breaks of 48, 50, 61, 50, 40 and 59 during a performance more in keeping with his reputation for a cavalier approach. Ronnie O'Sullivan, 18, winner of the United Kingdom championship in November, also held a 5-4 advantage over Andy Hicks after the first session.

Full-strength Wigan

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan will be able to field their strongest available side for the Regal Trophy final against Castleford on Saturday, with Joe Lydon and Martin Dermott returning from injury at Headingley. Shaun Edwards, doubtful with shoulder problems, is also named. London Crusaders have signed Andre Stoop, 27, the former Namibia rugby union international.

☐ David Howes, who has played a leading role in the development of the game over 20 years, resigned yesterday as public affairs executive of the Rugby Football League.

Clark's comeback

BASKETBALL: Martin Clark, the joint owner of Guildford Kings, is coming out of retirement to help his injury-stricken side in tonight's European clubs' championship match against Olympiakos, joint leaders of the group A semi-final series. Clark, 32 and 6ft 8in, a former England forward, retired three years ago but has kept in trim by playing squash and coaching the club's juniors. The continued non-appearance of Tracy Pearson, the reinstated American, and injuries to three England internationals have forced Clark's hand.

Middleton rebuffed

CRICKET: Chris Middleton, the former Derbyshire chairman, has lost his seat on the club's committee. The Rotherham solicitor, who resigned as chairman in September, failed by 92 votes to win re-election at the annual meeting. Liz Hill became the first woman to win a place on the committee to which the former England fast bowler, Harold Rhodes, was also elected.

☐ Spectators disrupted a match in Karachi yesterday, demanding that Javed Miandad be restored to the Pakistan side to tour New Zealand. The game was declared a draw.

Harrogate at home

HOCKEY: Harrogate, the only club outside the national league left in the Hockey Association Cup, have again been drawn at home. They will play Reading in the sixth round on February 13. If Hounslow survive their postponed fifth-round game against East Grinstead on February 5, they will face Southgate, their old rivals. Teddington, runners-up last year, appear to have an easy home match against Beeston, the second division club.

SIXTH-ROUND DRAW: Harrogate v Reading; Southgate v East Grinstead or Hounslow; Teddington v Beeston; Bournville or Old Loughtonians v Bromley or Havant.

Temple's club concerned

BY JOHN GOODBODY

FOLKESTONE athletics club is so upset by the British Athletic Federation's (BAF) handling of the controversy involving Andy Norman, the BAF promotion officer, that it is considering calling a special meeting of member clubs.

Cliff Temple, the former athletics correspondent of *The Sunday Times*, who committed suicide 11 days ago, was a coach and life vice-president at Folkestone. He had received a phone call five months before his death from Norman, accusing him of sexually harassing female athletes.

A BAF spokesman said yesterday that Norman, who could be suspended by the BAF pending an investigation, gave an undertaking to officials last September that "such activity would not be repeated". Dave Smyth, the Folkestone secretary, said yesterday: "Having ticked Norman off, I find it totally reprehensible that the BAF did not communicate this to Cliff."

Temple, whose mental state was fragile because of financial problems and the break up of his marriage, left five "suicide" notes before he was found dead on a railway line in Kent. In one of these, he wrote of the rumours about him and denied them.

Smyth said he was "dismayed" that the BAF had delayed its enquiry until its management board meeting on February 4. "They seem to be playing for time," he said.

Folkestone is now looking into the possibility of calling a special meeting of the 2,000 clubs and associations, although it may be more practical to wait until the BAF annual meeting on March 19, when the club can put a resolution to the meeting.

The BAF has asked *The Sunday Times* to give it a copy of the tape-recording of the conversation between Norman and Temple, when Norman intimated that if the newspaper published an article harmful to his fiancée, Fatima Whitbread, then an allegation might be spread that Temple had molested Shireen Bailey, a 1988 Olympic finalist whom he coached.

☐ The BAF will hold a celebratory dinner on May 6 for the fortieth anniversary of the first sub-four minute mile, by Roger Bannister. The 16 living world mile record-holders have been invited.

Johnson wants to move

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LEICESTER, the Pilkington Cup holders and main rivals to Bath in the league this season, may lose Chris Johnson, the promising hooker, to Northampton, their struggling Midland rivals. Johnson has signed registration forms for the Saints in the hope of regular first-XV experience next season.

In the week when the Senior Clubs' Association has proposed swingeing reductions in the number of registered players carried by each club, Johnson's decision, which hinges on his ability to unseat Richard Cockerill as the first-choice hooker at Leicester, emphasises the problem that all clubs have in keeping ambitious players happy.

"I don't want to leave Leicester," Johnson, a second-year student at Loughborough University, said. "It's my first club and I have made a lot of friends but I'm ambitious and I want to play first-team rugby." Last year, Johnson played in the England team that beat Australia in the under-21 international in Sydney and is one of the most promising youngsters in the country in his position.

But Cockerill, 23, is three years older and is a member of the England A squad. Tony Russ, the Leicester director of rugby, said: "It highlights the extreme problem of reconciling the need for strength in depth in your squad and the ambitions of youngsters who have genuine first-team potential. Johnson is a valued squad member and he's a talented player but the continuity of our front row has been an important feature and we don't want to start playing one hooker one week, another the next. It's a dilemma and I don't see an easy way out."

John Olver, the Northampton captain and hooker, has been troubled by tendon problems and is likely to retire at the end of the season. But the Saints are also hovering dangerously close to the relegation zone.

Andrew Aitken, who played No 8 for Oxford University against Cambridge last December, makes his league debut for Watsonians against Heriot's FP on Saturday, which may interest the Scottish selectors. Aitken has played for Western Province in his native South Africa but the family roots are in Largs.

Closing in on Conner as Auckland approaches



Lawrie Smith, skipper of *Intrum Justitia*, on a gamble in the round-the-world race that paid off

ONE mile was all that separated us from Dennis Conner's *Winston*, the leader of this third stage of the Whitbread Round-the-World yacht race between Fremantle and Auckland, at 1400hrs GMT yesterday. After two days of fast running ahead of 50 knot winds and seas bigger than I have ever seen in the Southern Ocean, the race to be first to New Zealand could not be more tense.

One mile further away from Cape Reinga, the northern point of New Zealand that we are heading for, is Ross Field's *Yamaha*, followed by Chris Dickson on *Tokio*, trailing by another five miles. In the past week, we have whittled away Conner's lead that which at one point was more than 150 miles. Our break came as we closed on Tasmania. We had kept north across the Great Australia Bight to take advantage of the head winds from a developing high pressure system.

It took longer than expected to sweep across the fleet which allowed *Winston*, reaching along 100 miles to the south, to charge ahead on the coat-tails of a low pressure system deeper in latitudes around the Roaring Forties.

But it also led to their downfall. The high pressure system passed south of us last Friday and smothered Conner's yacht, leaving his crew drifting downwind at two knots while we were creaming along at twelve.

Then, over the weekend, two cold fronts swept the fleet giving us westerly winds of up to 50 knots. Our crew needed no prompting. Up went the heavy spinnaker and off we shot downwind for hour upon hour while our rivals struggled to get back up wind and cover our attack. *Yamaha* was the first to fall behind. We spotted the light blue New Zealand yacht sailing under a jibtop reaching headsail instead of a spinnaker and as we moved up from sixth to second, we realised that others must have taken the same cautious approach.

But these Whitbread 60 designs are remarkably stable downwind. Even when the winds top 50 knots, *Intrum* remained rock steady under spinnaker. If the winds had held, we would have topped 460 miles in the day. As it was we had to be content with 401.

As we cross the Tasmin toward Cape Reinga, we have chosen to sail 150 miles south of the great circle course in the expectation of a change in the wind once we close on New Zealand. *Yamaha* is following a similar tactic but *Winston*, sailing two knots slower than us, is holding up to windward, along with *Tokio*.

I am injured: I twisted my ankle when rushing forward to look at out spinnaker during the storm and am still hobbling around.

I do not expect us to reach Auckland much before Saturday — two days behind schedule. The delay came after we rounded Cape Leeuwin, at the southwest tip of Australia when we were becalmed, but unlike others we still have plenty of food on board. We have heard from *Yamaha* that they are already rationing themselves, but after some of *Intrum's* crew lost more than 8lb on the last stage of the race across the Southern Ocean, we packed plenty of food — so much so that we are likely to be feeding the fishes before Auckland.

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SKI REPORT

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	105	150	good powder	art	fine	-8	17/1
(Upper slopes well groomed with fresh snow)							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	30	95	good powder	fair	sun	-4	17/1
(Snow remaining crisp and powdery)							
Mayrhofen	0	65	good powder	closed	fine	-1	17/1
(Good sunny skiing on new powder)							
Obergurgl	75	125	good	good	good	sun -11	17/1
(Perfect skiing conditions if somewhat cold)							
Sölll	20	70	good	fair	icy	fine -2	17/1
(Well-groomed pistes after light snowfall)							
St Anton	50	200	good powder	good	fine	-7	17/1
(Good snow on and off piste)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	120	130	good	varied	good	fine -13	16/1
(Near-perfect conditions with blue skies)							
Chamonix	40	250	good	good	fair	sun -5	17/1
(Excellent snow if a little icy on lower runs)							
S Chevalier	80	200	good powder	good	fine	-2	14/1
(Good skiing in all areas)							
Val Thorens	180	380	good	varied	good	sun -10	17/1
(Mogul skiing now becoming extensive)							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	80	80	good powder	good	fine	-10	17/1
(Excellent skiing after recent snowfall)							
C Montana	45	150	good powder	good	sun	-5	17/1
(Excellent powder skiing on all pistes)							
Grindelwald	15	80	good powder	fair	sun	-5	17/1
(Excellent skiing conditions in all areas)							
Gstaad	25	70	good powder	fair	sun	-5	17/1
(Superb skiing conditions prevail)							
Zermatt	50	220	good powder	fair	fine	-7	17/1
(Good conditions on all the upper slopes)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (59616)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Sally Magnusson. (Ceefax) (89292635)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk hosts another topical studio discussion (s) (4201432) **9.45 Newshound.** Current affairs quiz hosted by Ross King (1395797)

10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (9593426) **10.05 Playdays.** For infants (s) (5715635)

10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine programme with Anne Diamond and Nick Owen, including news at **11.00** and **12.00** (61432548)

12.15 Pebble Mill with Ross King (s) (4082906)

12.55 Regional news and weather (67207906)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (88513)

1.30 Neighbours. Pam and Doug receive a mysterious gift. (Ceefax) (s) (13223635) **1.50 XYZ.** Quiz game based on the alphabet (s) (13227451)

2.15 Hawaii Five-O. First of a three-part story about a young man who follows in his family's felonious footsteps. Starring Jack Lord and James Macarthur (r) (5371529) **3.05 Today's Gourmet.** Chef Jacques Pepin cooks a New England summer supper (9836884)

3.35 Cartoon (7171567) **3.45 SuperTed** (r) (7308161) **3.55 Bitsa.** The series in which junk is transformed into new items (s) (7304345) **4.05 Jackanory: Worry Warts.** Final part read by Paul Merton (s) (1369161) **4.20 Popeye and Son** (1284426) **4.35 The Really Wild Show.** Chris Packham dives into a cave full of sharks and Michaela Strachan explores the coral reef off Belize. (Ceefax) (9257703)

5.00 Newsround (4813155) **5.10 Maid Marian and her Merry Men.** Comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (1384180)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (895432). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

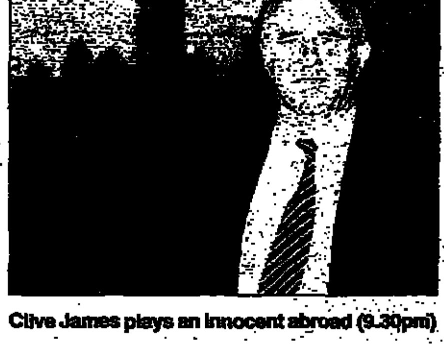
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey (Ceefax) and weather (161)

6.30 Regional news magazines and weather (513)

7.00 FILM: Tarzan in Manhattan (1989). Tongue-in-cheek tale in which Tarzan heads for the urban jungle of New York. His ape-mother has been killed by hunters and he has to go to America to stop vivisectionists who want to cut up Cheetah. Directed by Michael Schultz. (Ceefax) (s) (49364)

8.30 The Detectives. Comedy with the bumbling policemen, played by Jasper Carrott and Robert Powell, on the trail of an escaped killer (r). (2426)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons (Ceefax) and weather (4432)



Clive James plays an innocent abroad (9.30pm)

9.30 CHOICE **Clive James – Postcard from New York.** (Ceefax) (945161)

10.25 Sportsnight. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights from tonight's FA Cup third-round replays as well as action from the pairs free programme at the European Figure Skating Championships in Copenhagen (179277) **12.20am Weather**

2.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television (971285) **3.15 Legal Network Television** (10372) **4.00 TV Edits – French 2 TV5** (8515759) Ends at **4.45**

BBC 2

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (1474105)

8.15 Westminster Daily. (9520987)

9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Puppydog Tales (74999093) **1.25** Fireman Sam (74998364) **1.30-1.40** Stoppit and Tidyup (61921426)

2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Storytime** (62363797)

2.15 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore talks about Auriga, the charioteer, one of the most prominent constellations in the northern sky (r) (s) (62448432)

2.35 CountryFile. John Craven explores rural issues (r) (s) (9153819)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** (4909109) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7303618)

4.00 Today's the Day. Daily news quiz (s) (426)

4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh language drama serial (s) (838). **Wales:** Towers Out of Time

5.00 Catchword. Word game with Paul Coia (8277)

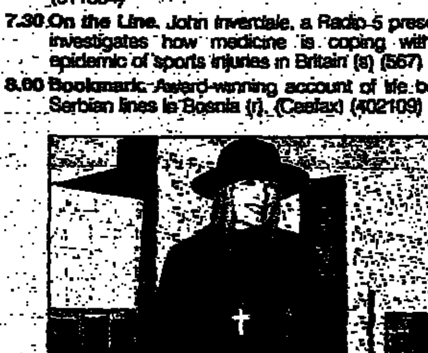
5.30 Food and Drink (r). (s) (890)

6.00 Star Trek: Whom the Gods Destroy. Captain Kirk and Mr Spock are taken prisoner by a deranged creature (r). (Ceefax) (946277)

6.50 Def II: Reportage. A look at the youth who are turning to fringe politics out of frustration. (s) (611884)

7.30 On the Line. John Inverdale, a Radio 5 presenter, investigates how medicine is coping with the epidemic of sports injuries in Britain (s) (567)

8.00 Bookmark: Award-winning account of life behind Serbian lines in Bosnia (r). (Ceefax) (402109)



Keaton on an architectural veteran (8.50pm)

8.50 Building Sights, USA. Diane Keaton, the actress, talks about Ennis-Brown House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, which has featured in more than 60 films and is now in a state of neglect. (Ceefax) (793616)

9.00 CHOICE **The Day Today** (2074)

9.30 Middlemarch. Episode two of the six-part adaptation of George Eliot's classic novel starring Juliet Aubrey and Patrick Malahide. (Ceefax) (s) (43203)

10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark (Ceefax) (794819)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (219838) **11.55 Weather** (540118)

12.00 FILM: Detective Story (1951, b/w). Kirk Douglas in fine form as a tough New York detective on the trail of a back street abortionist. With Eleanor Parker and William Bendix. Directed by William Wyler. (297117) Ends at **1.50am**

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CHOICE



Steve Coogan as Alan Partridge (BBC2, 9.00pm)

The Day Today
BBC2, 9.00pm

The team from the cult radio series *On the Hour moves over to television complete with Alan Partridge,* the seriously irritating sports presenter, and Barbara Wintergreen reporting from the United States. It is a half hour spoof of the news, cheekily scheduled against the real thing on BBC1. The essence of the joke is to present silly items in authentic voices. Steve Coogan's Partridge succeeds not because he talks rubbish, but because he sounds like an amalgam of David Coleman and John Motson. After a bad start with a tired Oliver Reed joke, the show moves into a splendid range of parodies culminating in *It's Your Blood,* a send-up of the real-life disaster genre. But like *KYTV,* another radio import operating in much the same area, it is never quite as funny as it could be.

Clive James: Postcard From New York
BBC1, 9.30pm

Since the *Postcard* format has become as predictable as an episode of Perry Mason the pleasure lies in anticipating old jokes rather than hoping for new ones. Like the old music-hall comedians Clive James has a standard turn which he adapts for wherever he happens to be. In New York his innocent-abroad routine is built around the fear that he might be mugged. It is the cue for getting himself a bodyguard. There are no prizes for guessing that she is an attractive young policewoman. James likes attractive women. He likes rich and famous women even better, so Eileen the cop is soon jettisoned for an audience with Ivana Trump. She has nothing to say but she looks wonderful and James drools appreciatively.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Rainer Jacobi is a *former United States intelligence* agent who has spent the past five years tracking down the gold secretly hoarded by the late President Marcos of the Philippines. Jacobi is on a ten per cent commission if he recovers it. Since during his quest he has been been *threatened, imprisoned* and accused of drug running, he probably feels he is worth every penny. The trail leads, perhaps unsurprisingly, to Switzerland. Mrs Imelda Marcos admits publicly what her husband always denied, that he had Swiss bank accounts *under assumed names. At the end of* the day it hardly matters where the gold is. More scandalous is that Marcos, one of the world's richest people, presided over one of its poorest countries.

Walk on the Wild Side
Channel 4, 11.05pm

This new series of late-night documentaries focuses on young people and crime and is targeted at the age group (16 to 24) of those it features. To this end the programmes have a restless, rock video style, with fast cutting, eccentric camera angles and abrupt switches between colour and black and white. In case this is not sufficiently arresting, the films are overlaid with strident rock music. But there is content, too, and tonight's film features three young fire-raisers. They do it because it turns them on and there is not a smidgeon of remorse. One of the lads says that if anyone died in a fire it would be their fault for playing the hero and trying to put in out. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (1261033)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show (s) (6685884) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5628155)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Topical studio debate with John Stapleton (7073364)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series (61426987) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2236277)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (1244722)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (1156513)

1.25 Home and Away. (Teletext) (28407154)

1.55 Chrystal's Style Guide. Chrystal Rose with tips on achieving the glamorous look (s) (13211890)

2.20 A Country Practice. Drama serial set in Australian country town (s) (87117161) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama (3432906)

3.20 News headlines (7132364) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (7131635)

3.30 Tots TV (s) (7167364) **3.40 Allsorts** (s) (7301258) **3.50 The Adventures of Grady Greenspace** (7161180) **4.05 Scooby Doo** (r) (9839513) **4.15 Terror Towers** (583426) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (9175155)

5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (5334819)

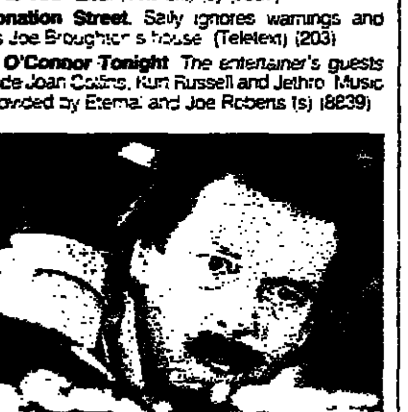
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) and weather (143616)

6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (66242)

7.00 This Is Your Life. (Teletext) (s) (5567)

7.30 Coronation Street. Sally ignores warnings and visits Joe Broughton's house (Teletext) (203)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The entertainer's guests include Joan Collins, Kurt Russell and Jethro. Music is provided by Eternal and Joe Roberts (s) (8839)



Leslie Grantham turns to blackmail (9.00pm)

9.00 99-1 Undercover policeman Mick Raynor is forced by his boss to exploit an ex-lover and blackmail an American diplomat into smuggling arms for terrorists. Starring Leslie Grantham. (Ceefax) (s) (8695)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Teletext) and weather (12987) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (186971)

10.40 FILM: The Big Chill (1983). All-star cast, including Glenn Close and Kevin Kline, in affectionate story of group of idealistic Sixties college radicals who are reunited in the selfish Eighties for the funeral of an old friend. Directed by Lawrence Kasdan (32077161)

12.40am The Equalizer. Edward Woodward looks after an ex-army officer who has been running an undercover military-style operation (1466846)

1.30 Hollywood Report (51198)

2.00 Chrystal's Style Guide (r). (s) (90136)

2.30 The Album Show (s) (95914)

3.30 Videofashion. French collections (93223)

4.00 Reap the Whirlwind. Drama about a French family in 19th-century South Africa (r) (47391)

5.00 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (91730)

5.30 ITN Morning News (74914) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Starcom (r) (5594567)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (74364)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (r) (s) (22364)

9.30 Schools Videomaths (6051513) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read: Delve into Literature (6147364) **10.02** Science Start Here! (3430074) **10.18** Irish Writers (3459109) **10.40** The Technology Programme: D and T Contexts (8809703) **10.56** Film and Video Showcase (689916) **11.07** Time for Maths (6964180) **11.18** Mathsbook (6955432) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (5223180) **11.45** *Junior Technology* (5228635)

12.00 House to House. Maya Even presents news and views from Westminster (39600)

12.30 Sesame Street. James Galway is the guest (95971) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Clangers, Paddington** and **Mustl** (r) (51364)

2.00 FILM: The Eve Of St Mark (1944, b/w). Wartime drama with Anne Baxter whose romance is interrupted when her soldier boyfriend is sent to the Philippines after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Directed by John M Stahl (300068)

3.45 Summer Legend. Animation (r) (7228971)

3.55 Putting Art in its Place. The series about art commissioned for public places (4524600)

4.30 Countdown. Word and numbers game presented by Richard Whiteley (Teletext) (s) (906)

5.00 Oprah Winfrey. Oprah reveals secrets of her diet and reads extracts from her diary. (Teletext) (s) (4221971) **5.50 Laurel and Hardy** (860987)

6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (r) (971) **6.30 A Different World.** Campus comedy series (s) (451)

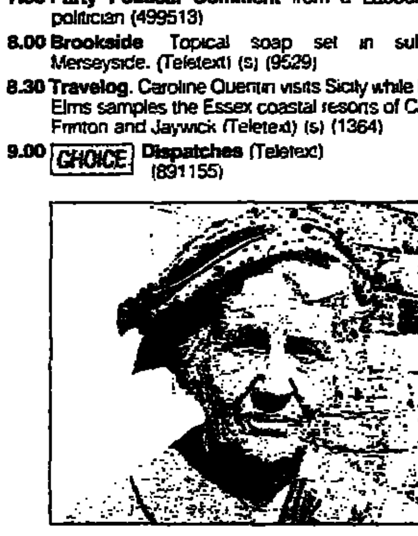
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (233155)

7.50 Party Political Comment from a Labour party politician (499513)

8.00 Brookside. Topical soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (9529)

8.30 Travelog. Caroline Quentin visits Sicily while Robert Elms samples the Essex coastal resorts of Clacton, Frinton and Jaywick (Teletext) (s) (1364)

9.00 CHOICE **Dispatches** (Teletext) (891155)



Edna Dore is resistant to change (9.45pm)

9.45 Short and Curlies: My Little Eye, written and directed by Benjamin Ross. A father takes his son to visit an elderly aunt in order to help him persuade her to move to an old people's home. Starring Alun Armstrong, Edna Dore and Andrew Dicks (Teletext) (s) (434398)

10.00 The Golden Girls (r). (Teletext) (s) (825093)

10.35 S&M. A series of sketches with Tony Slattery and Mike McShane (r) (s) (549890)

11.05 CHOICE **Walk On The Wild Side** (s) (544971)

11.35 Moviewatch (r) (s) (442884)

12.10am Flying Blind. *American sitcom (s) (3497681)*

12.40 LA Law. Courtroom drama series (r) (1448440)

1.35 Eurofighter. A look at the technology being developed for the fighter pilot of the future (r) (1193730) Ends at **2.35**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright in the Morning **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier in the Afternoon **4.00** Nicky Campbell, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Loose Talk **9.30** D Energy **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** *Ken Bruce* **11.30** *Jimmy Young* **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** Womanfolk: Token Women **8.30** Harding with a Mike **9.00** Anita Bhalla's Across Two Cultures: An interview with Zerbanoo Gifford, advisor on Asian Affairs to Paddy Ashdown **9.30** Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Look and Read; **9.15** Dance Workshop; **9.35** Verse Universe; **9.45** *Time and Tune:* Music Course 2, **10.05** Drama Workshop **10.25** Johnnie Walker with the AM Alternative **12.30pm** Education Matters **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-in **6.30** Kiss Me Quick **7.15** The Sword in the Stone (3/10) **7.30** Trevor Brooking's Football Night **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Development '94 **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The Multitrack Sessions **8.30** Maestro **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Country Style **9.30** *Science or Fiction?* **9.45** *Sports Roundup* **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** New Ideas **12.35** And Then He Kissed Me **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Stories of Mystery* **2.45** Good Books **3.00** World News **3.15** Unconsidered Trifles **3.30** J. Kingston Platt **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **5.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** *From Our Own Correspondent* **11.30** Multitrack 2 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** J Kingston Platt **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** The Farming World **2.00** *Newsdesk* **2.30** Sports International **3.00** News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Assignment **4.00** World News **4.15** The Farming World

CLASSIC FM

.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **2.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Korngold (Violin Concerto: Jascha Heifetz; Los Angeles PO under Alfred Wallenstein) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard .00 Book Browse with John Russell .00 Evening Concert by the Britten Quartet **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-5.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** *Mitch Johnson* .00 Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Anglia News and Weather (5628155) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (2236277) **1.55** A Country Practice (13211890) **2.20-2.50** Gardening Time (87117161) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (7131635) **5.10-5.40** *Swot or Wot?* (5334819) **6.00** Home and Away (133345) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (556703) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (186971) **10.40** The Laughing Policeman (32077161) **12.40am** The Flesh Is Weak (884827) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6494391) **2.50** The Album Show (4378223) **3.50** Nite Bites (98898117) **4.00** Jobfinder (3792533) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (2812020)

CENTRAL

As London except: **1.55** Shortland Street (13211890) **2.20** Gardening Time (87117161) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (8432906) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7131635) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5334819) **6.00** Home and Away (133345) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (556703) **10.30** Central News and Weather (186971) **10.40** The US Women's Challenge (557819) **11.10** The Hidden Room (545600) **11.40** Kojak (661277) **12.35am** Hollywood Report (8588391) **1.05** The Album Show (4213407) **2.05** Cue the Music (7698339) **3.00** BPM (20858) **4.00** Jobfinder '94 (7148488) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (4700865)

HTV WEST

As London except: **9.55-10.00** HTV West News (5628155) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (2236277) **1.55** A Country Practice (13211890) **2.20-2.50** Gardening Time (87117161) **3.25-3.30** HTV West News (7131635) **6.00** HTV News (529) **6.30-7.00** Movies, Games and Videos (109) **10.30** HTV West News and Weather (186971) **10.40** The Cat and the Canary (32077161) **12.40am** The Flesh Is Weak (884827) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6494391) **2.50** The Album Show (4378223) **3.50** Nite Bites (98898117) **4.00** Jobfinder (3792533) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (2812020)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: **9.55-10.00** HTV Wales News (5628155) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (2236277) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (7131635) **6.00-6.30** Wales at Six (529) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (186971)

MERIDIAN

As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Meridian News and Weather (5628155) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (2236277) **1.55** A Country Practice (13211890) **2.20** Getaways (87117161) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3432906) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (7131635) **5.27-5.40** Three Minutes - Making it Happen (787600) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (529) **6.30-7.00** Pain's Column (109) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (186971) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (91730)

TYNE TEES

As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (13211890) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (87117161) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today / Network North (490068) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (109) **10.30** Tyne Tees News and Weather (186971) **10.40** Foolin' Around (63663646) **12.30am** The Equalizer (2977575) **1.25** Hollywood Report (8084488) **1.55** Videofashion (2040204) **2.25** The Album Show (7674759) **3.25** Noisy Mothers (4971020) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (1340556)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: **9.55-10.00** Westcountry Latest (5628155) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry Latest (2236277) **1.55** Take the High Road (26898616) **2.25** Westcountry Focus (87118432) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (9180109) **3.25-3.40** Westcountry Latest (1946684) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (66242) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (186971) **10.40** Swimsuit (63663646) **12.30am** My Story (5506914) **12.40** The Flesh Is Week (884827) **2.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6494391) **2.50** The Album Show (4378223) **3.50** Nite Bites (98898117) **4.00** Jobfinder (3792533) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (2812020)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (13211890) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (87117161) **5.55** Calendar (490068) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (109) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (186971) **10.40** Foolin' Around (63663646) **12.30am** The Equalizer (2977575) **1.25** Hollywood Report (8084488) **1.55** Videofashion (2040204) **2.25** The Album Show (7674759) **3.25** Noisy Mothers (4971020) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (1340556)

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Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (74364) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (22364) **9.30** Yegolion/schools (507587) **12.00pm** House To House (39600) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (1242364) **12.55** Sesame Street (6087548) **1.55** The Perfect Woman (35500635) **3.30** Wild Britain Yndan An Fala - Valley Beneath The Sea (987) **4.00** Slot 23 (8258) **5.00** Gamesmaster (3345) **5.30** Countdown (258) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (220345) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (113616) **6.25** Heno (564345) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3109) **7.30** Jacpot (635) **8.00** Glan Hafren (9529) **8.30** Newyddion/news (1364) **9.00** Pris Y Farchnad (8987) **10.00** Brookside (10529) **10.30** Attack (45123) **12.30am** *Dispatches* (2565469)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Milhaud (Symphony No 3, Sérénade); Dvořák (Five Bagatelles, Op 47); Mozart (Rondo in D, K485); Mendelssohn (Song without Words in E, Book 3, No 3); Strauss (Wiegenlied, Op 41 No 1); Haydn (Sinfonia Concertante in B flat, H I 105)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Bartók (Rhapsody No 1; String Quartet No 3; Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta)

10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Revueltas (La noche de los mayos); Bruch (Kol Nidrei); Saint-Saëns (Carnival of the Animals); Mozart (Missa Brevis in B flat, K275); Piper (Flute Sonata); Boccherini (Cello Concerto in B flat, G482); Hindemith (Piano Duet Sonata); Revueltas (La noche de encantamiento)

12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic (r)

1.00pm News 1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert from Studio 1, Pebble Mill. Vanbrugh String Quartet performs Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 59 No 1, Razumovsky)

2.00 Record Review (r)

3.30 Bach's Violin Partitas: Sigiswald Kuijken plays Partita No 3 in E, BWV 1006

4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King

5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson meets the American composer John Adams

5.15 In Tune: Telemann (Concerto in E minor for Flute, Violin and Strings); Bridge (Phantasy in F sharp minor); Schoenberg (Chamber Symphony No 1 Op 9); Bernstein (Prelude, Fugue and Riffs)

7.30 Hölderlin Settings: Marconi *(Fragment);* Rihm (Nine Fragments); Strauss (Three Hymns); Ligeti (Three Fantasies); Reger (An die Hoffnung); Brahms (Schicksalslied)

9.05 Figures in the Margin: Stephen Banfield's irreverent glance at the British musical renaissance

9.20 Sea Spells: Bantock (The Sea Reivers, Hebridean Sea Poem No 2); Ireland (The Island Spell); Bantock (Celtic Symphony)

9.50 New Waves: Judith Weir (Distance and Enchantment); Brahms (Piano Quartet in C minor, Op 6)

10.45 Night Waves, presented by Lisa Jardine

11.30 Ensemble: The first of three programmes of chamber music for piano and winds. Mozart (Quintet in E flat, K452: Haffner Wind Ensemble, with Angela Hewitt, piano); Françaix (*Hommage à l'ami Papageno:* Mainz Wind Ensemble, with the composer, piano); Poulenc (Trio for oboe, bassoon and piano: Nicholas Daniel, oboe, Kim Walker, bassoon, Julius Drake, piano)

12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland; as Radio 5 at 9am)

2.30-3.00 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** *Today, incl* **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves and Brian Hayes

10.00-10.30 Wilko in Canada (FM only): Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. Tony Wilkinson explores smalltown Canada through local newspapers

10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 The Bible (LW only): Mark. The final part

10.30 Woman's Hour: Kathleen Griffin considers the subject of industrial relations in English novels. Serial: *North and South.* Incl **11.00 News**

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the National *Council for the Conservation of* Plants and Gardens in Ayr put their questions to Fred Downham, Susan Russell, Daphne Ledward (r).

12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Letters of Introduction: Third of a six-part serial by Peter Whalley **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Sherlock Holmes: His Last Bow. The further exploits of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's great detective. In *The Red Circle,* a landlady is concerned about an eccentric lodger

2.45 Strange Tales from the Pantry: See Choice

3.00 News; Blind Eye: Khyber Pass — A Smuggler's Freeway. Tim Sebastian continues his investigation of enterprise crooks and the authorities which hide them (r)

3.30 Dangerous to Know: The life story of Lord Byron (r)

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews *Innocent Moves* starring Ben Kingsley, and *Tombstone*

4.45 Short Story: The Salt Bins, by *Patrick Cunningham.* Read by James Taylor

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Woman's Troubles: Frances Edmonds chairs the panel game for women. With team captains Jo Brand and Jan Ravens and guests Dianne Oxberry and Maria Esposito

7.00 News *7.05 The Archers*

7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates

7.45 Medicine Now

8.15 The Unfamiliar Family (r)

8.45 *Managing Monsters:* See Choice

9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod

10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Better Class of Person. John Osborne's autobiography. Read by Peter Egan (3/10)

11.00 Dear Diary (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

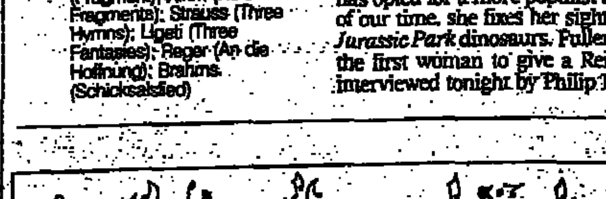
CHOICE

Strange Tales from the Pantry. *Radio 4, 2.45pm.*

Sue Phillips's weekly musings on everyday eatables have already produced a goodly crop of anecdotes about tea and figs. Tonight, it is the potato. The oddest fact Phillips unearths about it is that, in Elizabethan times, the humble spud gained a reputation as an aphrodisiac and *sold for £1000 a pound. In the 18th century, the* ingredients of a potato pie included brains and cockscombs, while in the 19th, a brandy was produced by boiling potatoes with sulphuric acid. Unexpectedly, Phillips concludes with a recommendation to read the letters page of *The Times.*

Managing Monsters. *Radio 4, 8.45pm.*

Judging by the tantalisingly advance information about the 1994 Reith Lectures beginning on Radio 4 on January 26, Marina Warner *has opted for a more populist approach than usual. Exploring myths* of our time, she fixes her sights on *Frankenstein, Peter Pan* and the *Jurassic Park* dinosaurs. Fuller details can be expected when Warner, the first woman to give a Reith lecture for more than 30 years, is interviewed tonight by Philip Brady. **Peter Davalle**



WAKE UP TO A CLASSIC BREAKFAST SHOW.
DAILY 6-9AM.
CLASSIC FM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (89916180) **8.40** Lamb Chops (7131033) **9.10** Cartoons (2853529) **9.30** Card Sharks (9615068) **9.55** Concentration (9798987) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6845242) **10.30** Love at First Sight (53258) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (17093) **12.00** Urban Peasant (77838) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (87703) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (82258) **2.00** King (76258) **3.00** Another World (6547567) **3.45** DJ Kat (2130074) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3190) **6.00** Games World (3093) **6.30** Paradise Beach (4345) **7.00** M*A*S*H (8819) **7.30** Rescue (2659) **8.00** X-Files (27345) **9.00** Code 3 (99074) **9.30** Seinfeld (83657) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (44068) **11.00** The Untouchables (65118) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (31372) **1.00am** Night Court (39575) **1.30** Maniac Mansion (68575)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (35726) **9.30** Nightline (12277) **10.30** Fashion TV (98894) **11.30** Japan Business (44180) **12.30pm** News and Business (93500) **1.30** News (74529) **2.30** Parliament Live (82074) **4.30** News and Business (7242) **5.00** Live at Five (775906) **7.30** Fashion (8971) **9.30** Talkback (93839) **11.30** CBS News (76548) **12.30am** News (89933) **1.30** Fashion (61407) **2.30** Those Were the Days (91235) **3.30** Talkback (96730) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (99778) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (21846)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5358345)
10.00 Miles from Nowhere (1991): Ricky Schroder nurses comatose brother (95819)
12.00 Nobody's Perfect (1968): Naval comedy with Doug McClure (73161)
2.00pm Advice to the Lovelorn (1981): Comedy with Cloris Leachman (302906)
3.40 Lord Jim (1964): Peter O'Toole is accused of being a coward (96297285)
6.15 Miles from Nowhere (as 10am) (15143616)
8.00 Coupe de Ville (1991): Three estranged brothers are reconciled by their father in this witty road movie (23529)
10.00 Noises Off (1992): Michael Caine stars in Michael Frayn's comedy (365154)
11.45 Body of Influence (1992): Erotic drama with Nick Cassavetes (464797)
1.30am Becoming Colette (1991): A French girl becomes famous (610961)
3.05 Lip Service (1988): Sparks fly when newsreader Griffin Dunne challenges old hand Paul Dooley for the top spot (4829730)
4.10 Where's Poppa? (1970): Ruth Gordon plays lawyer George Segal's domineering mother (947914) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Cover Girl (1944): Rita Hayworth rises to screen stardom after working in a New York club owned by Gene Kelly (13180)
8.00 Some Like It Hot (1959): Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon flee the mob (29797)
10.00 The Front (1976): A bookie (Woody Allen) rents out his name to blacklisted writers (97602) Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Tower of London (1962): Vincent Price slays his way to the throne (22703)
8.00 Heathcliff: The Movie (1985): Adventures of a mischievous ginger cat (92702971)
9.50 Only Angels Have Wings (1939, b/w): Adventure yarn with Cary Grant (35998160)
12.00 Fort Dobbs (1958): Western melodrama about a cowboy on the run (71703)
2.00pm Pinocchio and the Emperor of the Night. Animated children's film (22890)
4.00 Heathcliff: The Movie (as 8am) (48833432)
5.50 Harlow (1965): Biopic of 1930s blonde bombshell Jean Harlow (36084906)
8.00 The Good Family (1990): Tony Curtis dies carving the Thanksgiving turkey (41971)
10.00 Deceived (1991): Goldie Hawn discovers John Heard's secret (703258)
11.55 Jungle Fever (1991): Spike Lee's inter-racial romantic drama (27980093)
2.05am Disturbed (1990): Black comedy set in a mental institution (774778)
3.40 Ghost Story (1981): Four elderly men exchange haunting tales. With Fred Astaire (35750223). Ends at **5.35**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (4315451) **7.15** Prime Bodies (430703) **7.45** The Boss (439074) **8.15** Soccer News (8782180) **8.30** White Water Rafting (86819) **9.00** Prime Bodies (77971) **9.30** Classic Superbowls (49345) **10.30** Field Hockey (22180) **11.30** Tennis (9621890) **5.00pm** Drag Racing (9187) **5.30** Soccer (1600) **6.00** Soccer (942180) **6.15** Sportsworld (549068) **7.00** FA Cup Football (908432) **10.00** Soccer (443635) **10.15-1.00am** Tennis (24442513)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (44161) **8.00** *Figure Skating* (18258) **10.00** Skiing (40345) **11.00** American Football (78838) **1.00pm** Figure Skating (297838) **4.00** Winter Olympics Preview (9432) **4.30** Eurofun (5616) **5.00** Show Jumping (7600) **6.00** Figure Skating (67161) **7.30** News (6345) **8.00** *Figure Skating* (59600) **9.30** Motors Magazine (94155) **10.30** Football: Road to World Cup (53890) **12.00-12.30am** News (84339)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (1224242) **7.30** Neighbours (1316277) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7245258) **8.30** EastEnders (7244529) **9.00** The Bill (7269109) **9.30** Juliet Bravo (6439161) **10.30** The Brothers (6874616) **11.30** The Sullivans (7320074) ***12.00** Sons and Daughters* (7248345) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9523890) **1.00** EastEnders (1223513) **1.30** The Bill (9522161) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (5001884) **2.30** Get Some In! (1452451) **3.00** Dallas (7324890) **4.00** The Colbys (7977068) **4.55** *Blankety Blank* (57706180) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (82374161) **6.55** Happy Ever After (1471567) **6.30** EastEnders (1444432) **7.00** Juliet Bravo (3853838) **8.00** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (5194548) **8.30** Get Some In! (5000155) **9.00** Jemima Shore Investigates (3842722) **10.00** The Bill (7249074) **10.30** Whoops Baghdad (1597722) **11.05** Top of the Pops (8487154) **11.45** Dr Who (5938567) **12.15am** FILM: Congo Maisie (1940, b/w). A showgirl falls in love in Africa (98052681) **1.25** Video Bites (1827001) **2.00-7.00** Night Shopping (7976049)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Ratkan II (53154) **6.30** Bobobobs (24906) **7.00** Bears Island (3465068) **7.19** Dogtanian (628696) **7.45** Pugwall (238056) **8.15** Head to Head (8354884) **8.30** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (19971) **9.00** It's Droibee Time (25635) **11.00** Ratkan II (79258) **11.30** Bobobobs (70987) **12.00** Bears Island (8512703) **12.20pm** Dogtanian (501364) **12.45** Pugwall (600635) **1.15** Head to Head (55601616) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (35451) **2.00** Madeline (3971) **2.30** Cupido (3487242) **2.40** Babar (9576722) **3.15** Ratkan II (6108364) **3.20** Baby Follies (6534529) **3.35** Special Feature (13449548) **3.40** Rude Dog (4540161) **3.55** Head to Head (8258616) **4.00** Around the World *(9074)* **4.30-5.00** *T-Rex (5258)*

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (65600) **7.30** Guts (57635) **8.00** Rugrats (58890) **8.30** Fraggle Rock (57161) **9.00** Out of Control (75513) **9.30** Kablooey (79846) **10.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (24819) **10.30** We All Have Tales (71797) **11.00** Cartoons (35890) **11.30** Wild Side (43819) **12.00** Zany Adventures (68277) **12.30pm** David the Gnome (79682) **1.00** Storytime (64971) **1.30** Eureeka's Castle (32567) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (5426) **3.00** Zany Adventures (2722) **3.30** Speed Racer (3141) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (2906) **4.30** Get the Picture (1890) **5.00** Clarissa (4567) **5.30** Guts (9242) **6.00** Rugrats (6155) **6.30-7.00** *The Monkees* (3635)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Challenge of the Seas (1441345) **4.30** Crawl into My Parlour (1447529) **5.00** The Munro Show (5196906) **5.30** Pirates (1481109) **6.00** Only in Hollywood (4216971) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1188797) **7.00** Australia Wild (5003242) **7.30** The Long Night of the Lion (1448258) **8.00** The X-Planes (5185690) **8.30** Skybound (5008797) **9.00** Discovery Science (3840364) **10.00** Roger Kennedy's Rediscovering America (9843451) **11.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (7246068) **11.30** On Top of the World (6047118)

BRAVO

12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7160513) **12.30pm** FILM: South of Algiers (1952): An archaeologist hunts for a priceless mask (75025648) **2.05** FILM: Brigadoon (1954): Gene Kelly musical (8168638) **4.00** The Flying Nun (1365871) **4.30** My Three Sons (1361155) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (5183432) **5.30** Donny and Marie (1458635) **6.00** Honey West (1455548) **6.30** Scotland Yard (1365600) **7.00** The Big Valley (3848906) **8.00** FILM: National Velvet (1944): Elizabeth Taylor rears a racehorse (54762600) **10.05** FILM: Motorcycle Gang (1957) A young man tries to break free from a wild gang of bikers (90722093) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (1996664)

UK LIVING

7.00am Highlights (3056451) **8.00** The Treatment (9278242) **8.30** Rendezvous (9277513) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (7174277) **10.00** Dr Ruth (3465797) **10.30** *The Young and the Restless (8005242)* **11.30** *Ken Hom* (3700068) **12.00** Stars and Signs (61075567) **12.15pm** Practical Living (46197118) **12.30** Divorce Court (6240345) **1.00** The Home Show (7580277) **1.30** Rendezvous (6249616) **2.00** Agony Hour (3466426) **3.00** Living (8859703) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (38012987) **4.00** Definition (7953513) **4.30** Infatuation (7959797) **5.00** Music Quest (5819906) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (8450703) **5.45** Kilroy (4464258) **6.30** The Fish Course (7954242) **7.00** Definition (5726242) **7.30** That's Amore (7950426) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (5227426) **9.00** FILM. Madame Sousatzka (1988): Piano teacher Shirley MacLaine takes on a prodigy (5220513) **11.00** That's Amore (3897548) **11.30** Infatuation (3567109) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (3947759)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (2221) **5.30** Zorro (9838) **6.00** Where I Live (9451) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (6513) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (7987) **7.30** All Clued Up (6987) **8.00** Altogether Now (6635) **8.30** GP (2242) **9.00** Lou Grant (14819) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (94616) **10.30** Rhoda (48744) **11.00** Remington Steele (54835) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (17730)

MTV

6.00am Wild Side (431345) **9.00** VJ Ingo (182567) **12.00** Greatest Hits (24345) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (213616) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (4553635) **3.45** At the Movies (4541890) **4.00** News (7797838) **4.15** 3 from 1 (7770161) **4.30** Dial MTV (7616) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (9109) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (77093) **7.00** Real World II (9345) **7.30** Janet Jackson Rockumentary (8345) **8.00** Paula Abdul Rockumentary (8093) **8.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (4600) **9.00** Greatest Hits (16277) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (243722) **10.15** At the Movies (248277) **10.30** News (396839) **10.45** 3 From 1 (841744) **11.00** Post Modern (46345) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (40778) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (9196339)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (91600) **7.00** News (69513) **7.30** Asian Morning (51548) **8.00** Hindi News (14426) **8.30** Urdu News (1709722) **8.45** English News (1704277) **9.00** Serial (19548) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (171451) **1.00pm** Taalash (68884) **1.30** Hindi FILM: Mere Ghar Mere Bacche. Starring Smita Patil (695744) **4.30** Kiddie Time (9684) **5.00-6.00** Dedicated to You (6654) **7.00** Mere Saath Chal (4703) **7.30** *Worldline (9819)* **8.00** *English News* (622529) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Meri Adalat (39195513) **11.15** Serial (879109) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (2994391) **1.35** Sight and Sound (37493643)

TNT

Tonight's Theme: Horror Struck
7.00pm The Man with a Cloak (1951, b/w): Barbara Stanwyck plots to kill Louis Calhern in 19th-century New York (83409074)
8.30 *Eye of the Devil* (1967): A French nobleman leaves his wife in order to sacrifice his life. With David Niven (18000616)
10.10 Kind Lady (1951, b/w): An Edwardian conman tries to swindle a rich woman. With Angela Lansbury (69082703)
11.40 The Bishop Misbehaves (1933, b/w): Cleric Edmund Gwenn helps Maureen O'Sullivan to find out who stole her inventor father's ideas (79460600)
1.20am The Casino Murder Case (1935, b/w): A neurotic family calls in smooth private eye Philo Vance to solve a murder case. Starring Paul Lukas (76120575)
2.55 The Bishop Murder Case (1930, b/w): Philo Vance (Basil Rathbone) hunts a killer on the archery range (99711533) Ends at **4.30**

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Doubts remain about former Tottenham Hotspur manager

FA risks ridicule over Venables

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Football Association is steering rapidly towards ridicule. Either it appoints Terry Venables as England manager, or coach or whatever it likes to call him, or it acknowledges that nobody at the FA, possibly nobody in the country, can say categorically that he will not lead English football into the courts and disgrace.

It is a terrible, wretched dilemma, an insoluble problem at the moment. "Sooner rather than later" has been the daily pontification from Lancaster Gate. They are fools if they believe it, for there is no urgency so great that England needs to take any risk now or in the next six months on appointing a man against whom serious innuendo and accusation refuses to go away.

Yesterday was supposed to be a cornerstone of the whole affair, the time when Alan Sugar, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur and the verbose adversary of Venables, would or would not implicate the manager and chief executive he dismissed before the commission of the Premier League appointed to investigate the horrendous affairs involving Tottenham, agents, the Inland Revenue and the woeful story of "bungs" in football.

Sugar in fact did not further accuse Venables. He said before he went into Lancaster Gate that he had no desire to stand in the way of Venables "possibly even managing England to win the 1998 World Cup". But his reasoning and his crude barrowboy bargaining was issued on the kerbstone of Lancaster Gate as he got out of his taxi.

"If Terry Venables is to be appointed England manager by the FA," Sugar asserted, "they are going to have to put to one side matters relating to breaking of the rules. And if they do that they surely have to also put to one side matters relating to Tottenham."

He apparently reiterated this to the three-man commission, which includes Robert Reid QC. And in the morning, before all of that, he had crudely suggested: "I hope — and we all pray at Tottenham — that if the FA are prepared to waive any breach of rules in respect of Terry, they will not bring any action against us, and that all the talk of Spurs being severely reprimanded or even relegated is ended."

Moral blackmail. The man who in High Court, when Venables attempted to prevent Sugar dismissing him last summer, had begun many of the accusations of a game "riddled with corruption" was now entering a plea of bargain: let off Venables, and you must absolve Spurs.

The commission will reportedly take three weeks to present its findings to the FA. How can it, in that time, appoint Venables, implicated as he is both in the Tottenham affair and the quest for a saviour in the coaching sense?

Let us not pretend that we know an instant solution, or that the fact that the FA has pre-booked Wembley for some kind of announcement makes Venables their certain choice. The picture is as confused as an old man's mind.

That, of course, is because the FA is being led by Sir Bert Millichip, a 79-year-old gentleman, who makes almost daily contradictions.

Last Sunday, doubtless swayed by the suggestion from a fraud squad detective inspector, Raymond Needham, stating to a journalist that evidence could not be found against alleged fraudulent acquisition of funds by Venables, Millichip announced that he would be "terribly disappointed" if Venables were not England manager by the time of the European championship draw in Manchester this Saturday morning.

Three days earlier he had spoken of the "funny reputation" of Venables. But not at all funny was the publication by the *Financial Times* on Monday of copious, almost verbatim repetition of the *Panorama* allegations laid against the business and footballing ethics of Venables.

Our football rulers are on the brink. If they get this one wrong, every man responsible for the decision should be obliged to resign. But there is no need for the haste now ensuing. England's matches this year are scarcely relevant friendly encounters.

The FA should put in a caretaker, and if that prolongs the agony of Venables, if it risks making an innocent man wait until all smears against him are erased, then that sadly is the price football should pay for what clearly is a disturbing and dangerous state of affairs in the workings of a once proud club, Tottenham Hotspur.

Tennis council to reassess eligibility age for women



Stuart Jones looks at the dilemma presented to the authorities by outstanding young players

THE women's tennis authorities are to review the age at which players are eligible to compete in tournaments. A working group is to assemble in March, for the first of four scheduled meetings, and will make a recommendation to the governing body, the Women's Tennis Council, towards the end of the year.

The group will seek advice from outside, by consulting analysts who have no vested interests in the game, and inside, by conducting a survey within the professional ranks. If any constitutional changes are implemented, they will not be put into effect until at least the start of next year.

The decision preceded the announcement that Jennifer Capriati, 17, is to adjourn her professional career for six months and resume her education. Ironically, the rule was changed three years ago specifically to accommodate her precocious talent. It was lowered to "in the month of the fourteenth birthday".

Capriati, by then already a millionairess, responded to the gesture by reaching the final of the first tournament she entered, in Boca Raton. Later to become the youngest finalist in a grand slam event, she collected an Olympic gold medal at 16.

But, as her early promise faded, she was labelled in her American homeland as "a has-been before she ever was". After being knocked out in the first round of the US Open last September, she withdrew disenchanted from the public arena into temporary retirement.

There have been precedents, notably Tracey Austin, although she is launching a comeback. Nevertheless, Pam Shriver, president of the Women's Tennis Association yesterday intimated that the age limit may not necessarily be raised. "If you are a genius," Shriver said, "it is very difficult to say that we are going to hold you back.

"Jennifer was an unusual case because she was so hyped when she started that anything less than a grand slam singles title was going to be regarded as a failure. I hope she can learn to love the game again.

"You are going to have players who aren't going to last, whether physically, emotionally or psychologically. Parents, agents, and coaches have to be aware of the pressures but you can crash or burn up at any age."



Capriati: time out

Shriver began her own career at 15, "with as solid a back-up as anyone could have", and admits that there were times when she felt she could not cope with the exacting lifestyle. She survived but acknowledges that youngsters need to be protected.

"We have to respond to a changing game but we have to get the balance right. A rule isn't always good for every person. Besides, we have to examine whether we have a legal right to prevent youngsters from competing. Personally, I'm torn on the subject."

Seeds stumble, page 42

Torvill and Dean trail European champions

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN COPENHAGEN

JAYNE Torvill and Christopher Dean's triumphant return to international competition at the British championships two weeks ago was put into perspective yesterday on the first day of the European figure skating championships here. The former Olympic, world and European ice dance champions, used to leading and winning competitions at all levels and easy winners of the British title in Sheffield, found themselves in the unusual position of joint-second place after the first section of the European event.

After the two compulsory exercises, Torvill and Dean had scored 1.0 points to trail the title-holders, Maya Usova and Alexandr Zhulin, of Russia, by 0.4 points. Oksana Gritschuk and Evgeny Platov, also from Russia, were also on 1.0 points.

After the first dance, Torvill and Dean were marked in third place and were expected to remain in that position after the second, but they confounded this expectation when they unexpectedly overtook Gritschuk and Platov in the second. That second dance was decided on countback because the the nine judges, at first scrutiny, could not provide a consensus. Although four preferred Gritschuk and Platov and only one Torvill and Dean, the majority of second places on the judges scorecards gave a score of seven to the holders, six to the British couple and only five to Gritschuk and Platov, who suffered four third places.

There was a surprise after the first dance, the paso doble, when the Swiss judge gave Torvill and Dean a mark of just 5.2. Dean said later he could not recall when they ever had such a low mark while Torvill added: "I don't think we could have skated it any better, so I was obviously disappointed with the marks." Bobby Thompson, one of their coaches "was totally at a loss to explain them".

Dean, conscious perhaps of being accused of bringing professional showmanship to what is still basically an amateur competition, said he and Torvill had deliberately been conservative in their approach, shunning the histrionic gestures.

All is by no means lost. A victory in the original rumba would bring the pair at least level with the leaders since the original dance is worth 30 per cent of the marks, compared with the ten per cent for each of the compulsories. The free dance is worth 50 per cent and has the capacity for breaking any tie.

Betty Calloway, still Torvill and Dean's coach after all these years, remains defiantly optimistic: "We can certainly come back from second place," she said. "We have only seen a fifth of the marks so far." She thought both Russian couples should have suffered in their marks for skating too far apart. The draw for tomorrow night's original dance has been kind to the Britons. They skate after both pairs of Russians, so the judges would have to keep something in hand, particularly if they have seen, in practice, what marvels Torvill and Dean can wring.

Kerrigan row, page 11

Positions

After compulsory dances
1, M Usova and A Zhulin (Russ), 0.4 factored placements; equal 2, J Torvill and C Dean (GB), and O Gritschuk and E Platov (Russ), 1.0; equal 4, S Rahkamo and P Kokko (Fin), and A Kvitova and V Fedorov (Russ), 1.8; 6, S Moniotte and P Lavanchy (Fr) 2.4; 7, I Romenova and I Yarmhenko (Ukr) 2.8; 8, K Mrazova and M Simecek (Cz) 3.2.



Looking forward to another success. Torvill and Dean begin their challenge in Denmark yesterday

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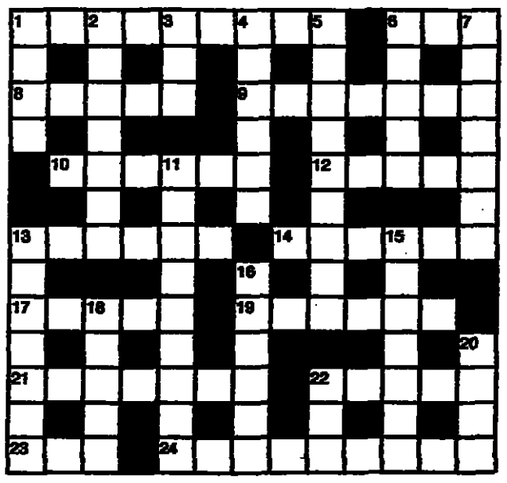
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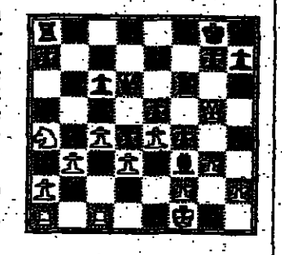
ACROSS
1 Place of early-hours entertainment (9)
6 Hole where something is missing (3)
8 Malignant spirit (5)
9 Trust (7)
10 Pyrenean person (6)
12 Classical dialect of Greece (5)
13 Discourage (6)
14 Tenacious (6)
17 Fish-eating mammal, smooth fur, webbed feet (5)
19 Pressing (6)
21 Girl chasing after pop singers (7)
22 Romantic poet, a Lord (5)
23 Make use of; strike lightly (3)
24 A Blackfriar (9)

DOWN
1 Point on stem from which leaf grows (4)
2 Device to hold compass steady (7)
3 Element Sn (3)
4 Landsman (6)
5 Stagnant pool in outback (9)
6 Hotel patron (5)
7 Stuck through (7)
11 Four-legged creature (9)
13 Period of inadequate rainfall (7)
15 Unbranded (drug) (7)
16 Display-place of historical items (6)
18 Squad of cavalry (5)
20 By an unknown hand (4)
22 Large container (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 65
ACROSS: 7 Dissolution, 8 Tonic, 11 Hurdle, 12 Ape, 13 Ascot, 14 Ruse, 15 Ruse, 17 Ascot, 18 Ape, 19 Hurdle, 21 Tonic, 22 Dissolution

By Raymond Keene

Today's problem is from the game Rogers - Hennigan, Hastings Premier 1993. The White queen has become isolated from the rest of the White army. How did Black exploit this?



Solution, page 40

Raymond Keene, page 7

By Philip Howard

DECLINOGRAPH
a. A letter of refusal
b. An astronomical

VENGESOUR
a. An avenger
b. Apple vinegar